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Kaufman steps down

Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, is to step down from Labour's frontbench team after 18 years. He has also decided not to stand again for the party's national executive committee, whose 1983 election manifesto he described as the longest suicide note in

Mr Kaufman, 61, said: "It is right to make way for another political generation who, under the leadership to be elected next month, can carry the Labour party through to success in the next general election and into the next

Hurd warns on conflicts

Russia's refusal to set date for withdrawing its forces from the Baltic states could be more explosive than anything seen in Yuoslavia. Douglas Hurd yesterday, emphasising Britain's reluctance so consider sending troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina if sanctions fail to stop the bloodshed.

The power of outsiders to halt conflicts should not be exaggerated, he said. "Neither the UN, nor the EC. nor the WEU (Western European Union], nor the CSCE |Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe], nor Nato, nor any combination of initials can by themselves impose a peace by force or exorcise fears and haireds" Page 11

Derby Day favourites

The 213th running of the Derby at Epsom today is one of the most open in the history of the race with Ladbrokes quoting six of the 19 runners as 8-1 joint favourites. Among them is Rodrigo De Triano, on whom Lester Piggott will be seeking a tenth Derby triumph. Victory for the 56-year-old grandfather would cost Britain's bookmakers an estimated £20 million

Derby guide, pages 28, 29 Rain worry, page 32

Pensions plea

Mirror Group pensioners who have been told there is no money to pay them any more are demanding that Robert Maxwell's family give details of their assets. Labour MPs are also seeking a government state-ment in the light of disclosures that Maxwell had a network of com-panies in Liechtenstein that were beyond the reach of creditors or pen-

Midland bid

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpo-ration has increased its offer for Midland Bank to E3.9 billion in a knockout attempt to secure its grip on British banking once and for all. Lloyds, its rival in the battle for Midland, has called an emergency meeting for Friday and may raise its offer Page 19

Halford claim

Alison Halford, the Merseyside assistant chief constable claiming sex discrimination, told an industrial tribunal that her boss, Kenneth Oxford, had publicly asked her if she was having an affair with a psychologist Page 3

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Into battle: the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior passes Sugar Loaf mountain on its way into Rio where volunteers will mount protests

Major fights to make Rio treaty 'signable'

By Robin Oakley in London and Michael McCarthy in Rio de Janeiro

JOHN Major promised yesterday that Britain will make every effort to sign a deal at the Earth summit in Rio de Janeiro to protect the world's endangered plant and animal species.
The prime minister sought

to scotch fears that he would join President Bush in refusing to sign the so-called biodiversity treaty, saying that he was "working very hard" to enable Britain to sign up.

The Treasury still has severe reservations about the way the draft treaty would allow the world's poorer nations to present industrialised countries with an open-ended bill for preserving their plant and animal life. The government is also concerned that the wording of the convention would commit the signatories to providing genetic and technological resources even if they were protected by patent and other property rights.
The draft bio-diversity con-

vention, which was initialled at a meeting in Nairobi two weeks ago, cannot be altered again at this stage. However, Britain is looking at ways of attaching to the convention a declaration on financial principles to cut the risks. Ministers are also hoping to set rules of procedure for the spending of any funds, which would prevent the industrialised nations being heavily

outvoted. Mr Major will meet President Bush at Camp David this weekend to try to win his support for the Rio summit declarations. He hopes to be able to broker a deal before the summit falls apart in a clash between the rich and poor nations. Mr Bush has insisted that he will not sign anything which gives developing countries too much say in funding decisions.

day that the British government was "working very hard" to be able to sign the bio-diversity agreement. "We have played an important international role in order to achieve a convention that can generally be signed." However, he indicated that there could be no "open-ended commitment" to give more financial aid to developing

In angry Commons exchanges yesterday Neil Kin-nock, Labour's leader, accused the government of halving the British development aid budget over the past ten years. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader. called the prime minister's defence of Conservative environmental credentials "pathetic". And Simon Hughes. the Liberal Democrat spokesman, tabled a motion of no confidence in the government

summmit. The motion was signed by all the Liberal Democrat MPs and Mr Ashdown was last night trying to win Mr Kinnock's backing. If Labour were to support

the motion, there would have to be a debate before Mr Major leaves for America en route to Rio. Labour will discuss its tactics at a shadow cabinet meeting today. The United Nations leader

who came up with the amended text on bio-diversity yesterday issued an appeal for the prime minister to sign it. "I urge Mr Major very strongly to sign the treaty because it is for the benefit of everybody, not just one group of countries," Mostafa Tolba, director of the UN environment programme, said in

Dr Tolba, an Egyptian physicist who has run the UN programme for 17 years, said: "It would be a joke if in an attempt to force a Comcountries did not sign the mons dehate on the environtreaty, after we have been ment in advance of the Rio

tion of bio-diversity for four years, and species are becoming extinct every day." He hrugged off criticisms

of the compromised text he put forward after negotiations between 98 countries stalled in Nairobi two weeks ago. Yet Dr Tolba failed to address ambiguity in article 21 of the convention, which deals with new aid for developing countries of the Third World. This is likely to run into many millions of pounds and Britain and 18 other aid donor nations, members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, regard the wording as a key and possibly insuperable obstacle.

Dr Tolba emphasised that the treaty, which opens for signature on Friday, is not subject to renegotiation in Rio de Janeiro.

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Stamp duty exemption refused

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont dashed building societies' and estate agents' hopes last night by ruling out an extension of the eight-month exemption from stamp duty on home sales.

The exemption of the tax on the sale of properties for less than £250,000 was introduced last December as part of a package to boost the flagging housing market and reduce repossessions. The government was told last night that the December package meant that repossessions this year would be about 55,000 fewer than they would otherwise have been. Labour said last night that Mr Major told MPs yesterthe Chancellor's move was

probably forced by the "parlous state of public finances". Margaret Beckett, shadow Treasury chief secretary, said that it vindicated Labour's charge that the deal had been a "pre-election con trick". She said: "The conditions it was supposed to address have certainly not improved."

She said that building societies predicted there could be up to 80,000 repossessions this year. "The government should face its responsibility for Britain's record level of homelessness and allow the phased release of local authority capital receipts to be invested in housing. Mr Lamont told the ten

biggest lenders that it had always been made clear that the waiving of duty was temporary. At a meeting attended also by Michael Howard. environment secretary, Sir George Young, the housing minister, and Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, the government pressed the building societies and banks to speed their mortgage res-

Ministers said they had fulfilled their promise to pay income support for mortgage interest direct to the lenders: now the societies should meet their side of the bargain.

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2,000 civil servants to move to **Docklands**

By Nicholas Wood POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

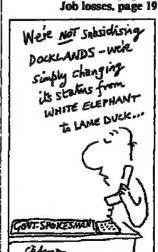
SOME 2,000 environment department staff are to be moved from central London to Docklands, Michael Howard announced yesterday as Labour forced an emergency Commons statement on the future of the failed £1.7 billion Canary Wharf development

BIYAN GOUID, the shadow environment secretary, accused the government of engineering a "back-door deal" to channel money to Olympia & York, Canary Wharf's owner, which called in administrators last week. Mr Howard, the environment secretary, said that there was no question of "hidden subsidies".

Ernst & Young, the O&Y administrator, announced the first job losses at the company yesterday by making 44 office workers redundant. It said that there would be further cuts to the 154 remaining office staff.

Meanwhile, Lord Hanson, chairman of the industrial management group Hanson, said that there was a 10 per cent chance of his company Continued on page 18. col 1

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Witches brew up toil and trouble on the Tube



Over exposure: Macbeth poster that gave offence

BY SIMON TAIT ARTS CORRESPONDENT

MACBETH'S witches have failed to pass muster with a key arbiter of late 20th century public taste. London Transport Advertising. On behalf of its passengers, LTA has refused a poster for the English Shakespeare Company's production of the play and has been accused of censorship and philistinism by the director. Michael Bogdanov.

The poster, which has been used in Tokyo. Korea and Chicago without complaint, will not be seen on London Underground's District Line because of the 1514 drawing used on it by the German artist Hans Baldung Grien. For the crones in the drawing are naked, leaving them exposed to graffiti artists, LTA says.

of an extreme kind, it is particularly tragic in the light of our European partners. The Paris Metro do not hesitate to promote the work of great European classicists. We really are a small-minded and prudish nation when it comes to this." LTA said it was very conscious of

its role in putting advertising before the public. "We have to make sure we do not offend the travelling pubpany their poster was not leasible.

Transport Advertising, who control

what millions of people see as they

travel daily around the world's great-

est cultural centre, should see fit to

deny the work of a 16th century

artist of international acclaim and

repute." Mr Bogdanov said. "Not

only is it censorship and philistinism

In fact the drawing entitled "Three Witches with a New Year's Greeting", which adorns the poster and the ESC's tour leaflet, does not reflect the content of the production in all respects. Contrary to some presentations of the play - notably Roman Polanski's 1970s film in which the witches appear nude - not only are the three fully clad in Mr Bogdanov's version, they first appear as over-dressed bag ladies. One of them is played by a man.

"Our education role is very important and we would do nothing to alienate our schools audiences. Sally Homer, the ESC's marketing manager, said. The production, billed as a "startling re-evaluation of Shakespeare's most infamous trage-

apply to 'opt in' By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT NDEPENDENT schools.

Hard hit

private

schools

many of which are suffering from the recession, yesterday joined the rush for grant maintained status. As hundreds of schools in the state system consider opting out of local authority control, some private schools would also like to join the centrally-funded

education sector.

David Woodhead, director of the Independent Schools Information Service, proposed that opting out should be open to all types of institution. Boarding schools might become grant maintained and fill gaps in the state system.

"Opting in" would offer a lifeline to independent boarding schools with declining rolls and compensate for the recent loss of state boarding places. Nine state boarding schools are already grant maintained, but the status is denied to the private sector.

Mr Woodhead argued in his organisation's magazine that the Treasury could be persuaded to pay for tuition where fee-paying schools complemented state provision, especially in rural areas. Cuts have removed state boarding from large parts of the country, where residential care by social services departments can be much more

Independent schools have become increasingly aware of competition from the state sector, as more parents find it difficult to afford fees in the recession. William Waldegrave, the minister responsible for the citizen's charter, predicted this week that grant maintained schools would attract more pupils from independent schools.

Mr Woodhead said: "Why should opting-out be only in one direction? Extending opting out to independent boarding schools, and decidual merits and ability to offer complementary provision, would be a sensible extension of the grant maintained

He said: "Britain has never had a national boarding policy, partly because it has had a Continued on page 18, col 5

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Derbyshire police chief defends 'inefficient' force

By CRAIG SETON

THE publication of a report saying that Derbyshire police should be denied a government certificate of efficiency will have a devastating effect on the force, John Newing, its chief constable, said yesterday. "Neither the force nor the present police authority deserve such approbation."

The report, by Geoffrey Dear, inspector of constabulary for the Midlands, on the state of the force and alleged underfunding by the Labourled Derbyshire police committee, is to be made public later this month. It follows an interim document earlier this year in which he said that the equate and efficient service gent financial cuts in opera-

It is now up to Kenneth

Maxwell family details demanded

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THOUSANDS of pensioners who lost money in Robert Maxwell's collapsed empire demanded yesterday that his family disclose details of their assets. The call for information came as it was discovered that clues about the money may lie in a network of companies in Liechtenstein beyond the reach of British authorities.

As the pensioners made their claim, the government faced demands for an urgent Commons statement over the fact that 5,000 pensioners had been told that they would

receive no more cash. Michael Meacher, shadow social security secretary, told the House of Commons it was now clear "that Maxwell-controlled Liechtenstein companies have now been uncovered beyond the reach of both creditors and pensioners". He asked what steps the government intended to take to protect these pensioners from falling into poverty through no fault of their own

prospect for delivering an adwas bleak because of strintional areas.

Clarke, the home secretary, to decide whether to accept Mr Dear's conclusion. Under the Police Act 1964, Mr Clarke could order the force to be amalgamated or withhold its 51 per cent Home Office grant, but he is not expected

David Winnick (Lab, Walsall N) asked what could be

done to recover Maxwell

money from abroad. "There

are pensioners now who are

living a life of destitution

because the pension they ex-

Past and present Maxwell

employees are planning a

protest march on the House

of Commons next Monday.

Ken Hudgell, secretary of the

Association of Mirror Pen-

sioners, which has about

6,000 members, said that the

reports confirmed his fears

that Maxwell had hidden

money from the authorities in

order to provide for his fam-

Macmillan flotation, page 19

notorious of all crooks."

tention to do so.

tion. Mr Newing said yester-day that amalgamation would take too long and he thought that Mr Clarke would call a meeting to satisfy himself on the future commitment of the police authority to the county police service. "However it is represented, the end effect will be that

to take such draconian ac-

some members of the public will believe this is a damning criticism of the force," Mr Newing said. He added that there were "genuine differ-ences of professional judgment" between himself and Mr Dear's report follows

two years of conflict with the police authority that began when he inspected the force in 1990. He concluded that it was hamstrung by bureau-tratic controls imposed by councillors and by serious underfunding, with buildings and computer systems in poor condition. He conducted a fresh inspection last year and found that the situation had deteriorated. A freeze had been imposed on recruit-

ment because of further cuts.

Mr Newing said that Mr pected to have has been stolen Dear's earlier reports did little to help morale and he from them by one of the most expected the new report would not improve matters. Betty Boothroyd, the He has criticised Mr Dear for Speaker, told the House that she could not insist that minbeing alarmist and pessimisisters make statements and tic in the language he used none had indicated any in-

Mr Newing said that the force was underfunded in 1991-2, but that this year's budget of £74 million had more than restored cuts of £4.6 million over the previous two years. He said that the force had been reorganised three months ahead of schedule, police buildings had been improved and the recruitment freeze had ended.

He said that, despite his misgivings about Mr Dear's powerful catalyst for change.

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Colour supplement: Lt Col Robin Hodges, of the blue-uniformed The King's Regiment, changing the guard with Major Jamie Blackett, of the red-clad The Coldstream Guards, at Buckingham Palace yesterday

Lottery syndicate win may be taxed

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

launched an investigation yesterday to determine whether the syndicate which made an estimated profit of £400,000 on the national lottery at the weekend should pay tax on its winnings.

Lotto winnings are normally tax free, but the syndicate's successful attempt to engineer a jackpot win by spending £900,000 to cover almost every combination of numbers in the game has left it open to the charge that it was not gambling but operating a

commercial venture. The Revenue Commissioners in Dublin said that all aspects of the affair would be examined. The most likely form of tax would be a capital gains penalty on the syndi-cate's net profit of £400,000, which could deprive it of up to

E108,000. The move was welcomed by some politicians who believe the syndicate was acting contrary to the spirit of the game and that, by forcing it to pay tax, the authorities would help to deter other groups from launching similar

"The element of chance was eliminated and the ordinary punter was sidelined," said Gay Mitchell, chairman of the govenrment's public accounts committee and one of the first to highlight the potential tax liability of the

THE Irish tax authorities syndicate. "These people were making an investment on which they had to get a return. If there was to be a loss. it would be a very small one. This was a business transaction and should be taxed like

> The syndicate, which is thought to consist of 28 people with stockbroking and bookmaking backgrounds, is refusing to accept this interpretation on the grounds that was involved in a private business arrangement, not a commercial venture.

Stefan Klincewicz, an acc-

ountant from Cork, who masterminded the scheme, also pointed out yesterday that because Lotto officials successfully prevented them from completing the purchase of tickets covering all the 1.9 million combinations of numbers, there was still a significant chance they could lose. It is believed that by the time the jackpot was called the syndicate had spent £900,000, leaving it £73,000 short of completing the plan and with a one in ten chance of missing the jackpot.

Lotto officials said they

could not comment on the possibility of taxing the syndicate. They said they were still waiting for the syndicate to claim its share of the £1.7 million jackpot which was divided with two other regular ticket holders.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dental charges to be cut next month

Charges to patients for dental treatment are to be cut from July 8 after a decision yesterday by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, to reduce the fees paid to dentists by 7 per cent. Dentists' leaders said any reduction would increase the number of practitioners switching to private work.

The fee cut comes after a substantial overpayment to

dentists. Since the introduction of their new contract in October 1990 they have been earning more than expected and would have ended the year with 23 per cent above their target income of £35.815 for 1992-3 set by the pay review body. In February the government demanded a cut of 13.8 per cent in fees but after protests shelved the decision until after the election. The overpayment was estimated by the health department to be costing £15 million a month.

The 7 per cent cut will be recommended to the Dental Rates Study Group meeting today but is certain to be implemented. It reduces earnings to about £40,000 on average, still over £4,000 above their target income, which included an 8.5 per cent recommended rise.

The cur will reduce the cost to patients of a dental examination from £3.75 to about £3.50 and a medium filling from £7.95 to about £7.40. The charge for a crown, now £56.25, would fall to about £52.30.

Technology review

An urgent review of the national curriculum in technology was ordered by the education secretary vesterday. John Patten was reacting to two critical reports on the way the subject has developed in state schools. The initiative coincided with a report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate, which said that teachers found the curriculum unhelpful and difficult to understand. Many lessons were unsatisfactory. The National Curriculum Council had submitted confidential advice to Mr Patten that new regulations should be drawn up for the subject. David Pascall, reappointed to the council chairmanship yesterday, told Mr Patten changes were needed to reduce complexity at primary level and introduce more flexibility and choice in secondary schools. A new curriculum would raise teachers' morale.

BAe cuts 640 jobs

Hertfordshire. The redundancies, announced to staff yesterday, involve just over half the workforce of Bridsh Aerospace Space Systems, which makes civilian and military satellites. The company blamed the loss of a big order to an American rival last month, and an urgent need to reduce costs. British Aerospace has been trying to find a buyer or merger partner for its loss-making space systems operation for almost nine months. Talks with potential partners were continuing, it said. The latest job losses will bring its redundancies this year to almost 3,000. Last year it shed more than 10,000. The company has been devastated by the combined effect of delays and cuts in defence spending and falling demand for new airliners and Rover cars.

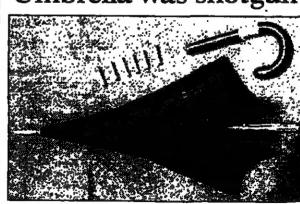
Ford offers insurance

Ford is to launch its own cheap insurance scheme to revive the market for small, high-performance cars, which has collapsed following rises in premiums of as much as 80 per cent this year. Insurers have penalised owners of so-called hot hatchbacks because they are twice as likely to crash as other drivers and some high-performance cars are five times likelier to be stolen than a family saloon. Ford said that sales of small hatchbacks have fallen 60 per cent. Executives say that its MotorQuote system will, on average, cut premiums for all Ford buyers by as much as 30 per cent. Eight insurers are linked to the system, which will let Ford dealers quote the lowest premium for each driver and may mean big savings on hot hatchbacks. Ford says that it will cut premiums by eliminating commission and by increasing car security.

Prince to give awards

The Prince of Wales will present the awards to the winners of the 1992 community enterprise scheme, sponsored by The Times, the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Business in the Community, at a ceremony at Edinburgh Castle on September 15. The scheme is in its seventh year and this year's aim was to identify imaginative and viable community-led building enterprises that met local needs. Entries closed at the end of March and during the next few weeks The Times will be featuring some of the more noteworthy projects. Lord Scarman, the scheme's chairman, said that the choice of venue for the presentation reflected the strong interest shown in the scheme by Scottish organisations over the past six years.

Umbrella was shotgun



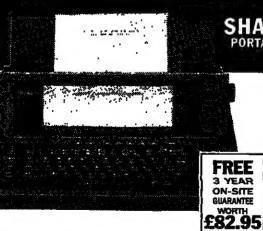
A shotgun disguised as an umbrella, above, has been seized by detectives. The device — believed to be the first of its kind found in Britain - was with a pump-action shotgun and ammunition in the car of John Portis, who is in charge of security at London nightclubs. Portis. 41, from Uxbridge. west London, was fined £700 at Clerkenwell Magistrates' Coun for possessing the guns without a licence. Garage workers valeting his car found the "umbrella" but at first did not realise it was a gun. "It looks like an ordinary City gent's brolly except it is a bit heavier and has a removable rubber tip which exposes the barrel." Det Con David

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Arts group aims for new radio station

dent national radio licence last year,

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK

LUMINARIES of the arts world have banded together to call on David Mellor, the national heritage secretary, to create a national radio station devoted to arts and culture.

The station would be funded mainly by investors from the recording, theatre, film, concert, publishing and other industries keen to promote artistic talent to a wider audience. Publicly funded arts bodies would also contribute. The station. Heritage Broadcasting, could take advertising or rely entirely on sponsorship revenue by sharing a fre-quency with the BBC.

The group, which includes the con-ductor Jeffrey Tate, the impresario Cameron Mackintosh the writer and broadcaster Viscount Norwich and the former Arts Council finance director Anthony Field, has put its proposal to Mr Melior and has requested a meeting

Mr Field, chairman of Heritage Broadcasting, which lost out to Classic FM in the bidding for the first indepen-

said it was scandalous that the arts should be so heavily subsidised without being adequately promoted to the wider public on radio and television. "Only about 3 per cent of the public goes to museums, galleries and concerts. Even if that went up to 5 per cent, it would fill all the seats in the country. The dream of subsidised arts reaching 50 per cent of the population is impossible unless the arts are made available to radio."

Mr Tate said the station would not be ust another cultural ghetto. "The whole point is greater accessibility and awareness of all the arts, from line food, books and gardens, through to music, theatre and paintings and the sharing of our unique heritage. No other broadcaster is committed to this kind of programming. On the contrary, opportunities

The station, backed by Baroness O'Cathain, managing director of the Barbican Centre, Nicholas Snowman, artistic director of the South Bank, and Lord Thomson of Monifieth, a former IBA chairman, would broadcast a lot of arts and cultural documentaries and magazine programmes along the lines of Radio 4's Kaleidoscope, covering all areas of the arts. As well as arts news and reviews there would be operas. plays and live concerts.

Lord Norwich, most recently the cura-tor of the Sovereign exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, said: "We see this as a collaborative venture, com-bining public and private investment. It be directly accountable to the department of national heritage, as dis-tinct from the BBC and the Radio Authority, both of whom are committed to head-on competition in the development of news-based and music-based stations. We want to do something very

The Association for Business Spons orship of the Arts (ABSA) and the National Campaign for the Arts (NCA) have welcomed the initiative. Colin Tweedy. ABSA director-general, described Heritage Broadcasting as "an original and positive use of public airwaves, which would create an exciting new zone of enterprise for the arts and independent broadcasters". Simon Mundy, NCA director, said: "At a time when Pedio 3 rector, said: "At a time when Radio 3 has been hijacked for cricket, it seems like a very good idea."



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Face to face: former chief constable hears suspended officer tell tribunal of his 'outrageous' allegation



Sir Kenneth arriving at the tribunal yesterday

Halford says Sir Kenneth accused her of an affair

BY RONALD FAUX

ALISON Halford, the sus-pended assistant chief constable, yesterday faced her former chief constable, Sir Kenneth Oxford, at an industrial tribunal and said he had accused her of having an affair with a consultant

Miss Halford, 52, who is claiming sex discrimination, said that Sir Kenneth, who made a surprise visit to the tribunal yesterday, had made the "outrageous" alle-gation in front of other senior officers in a coffee lounge at police HQ on Merseyside.

She said that in July 1986 she had bumped into Dr Eric Shepherd, who was arriving for an appointment with Sir Kenneth, and invited him into her office.

"It was coffee time and the coffee lounge was just a few doors down," Miss Halford, suspended on full pay pending a disciplinary hearing, told the tribunal in Manchester. "Dr Shepherd" wanted to make a phone call so I went on ahead to the coffee lounge. The chief constable was there.

"He accused me of having an affair with Dr Shepherd." Sir Kenneth demanded to know why she was seeing the consultant. The chief con-stable blew up. He said. 'Why did he come to see you?

He should have come to see me. Are you having an affair with him?" Her counsel, Eldred Tabachnik, QC. asked how she had responded. "I was, to use a Liverpool expression, gobsmacked," she said. "I didn't know what he was talking about. I kept my cool. You get used to keeping your cool with the

note that Sir Kenneth is with chief constable. It was such us today. I take no pleasure an outrageous remark that I just rode it out." Miss in what I have to say, but regrettably this has to be The chief constable ran the force

in an autocratic way. Nothing moved

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Halford was "highly embarrassed" by the episode.

At an earlier meeting Sir Kenneth had told Dr Shepherd to report directly to him. Miss Halford had found this hurtful and unnecessary because it diminished her responsibility. The chief constable had accused her of spending £20,000 of Merseyside money on Dr Shepherd and of feathering his and her own nest.
"I was absolutely

flabbergasted. It was an appalling suggestion and came totally out of the blue. It was abominable," Miss Halford said. Sir Kenneth had made it clear that she had no fur-ther responsibility for the employment of Dr Shep-

said." She added: "The chief constable ran the force in an autocratic way. Nothing moved without his know-

herd. Mr Tabachnikasked:

"Was there any justification

for what he had said?" -

totally unfair."

"None whatsoever, it was

Mr Tabachnik asked

about allegations that she

had committed the force to

spending £20,000 on staff

training. She replied: "No. I

ledge or consent."

Miss Halford described the chief constable's fury when, in his absence, she replied to a letter from the Home Office enquiring about certain initiatives being taken by the Mersey-side force. "He indicated to me very forcibly that I had far overstepped my area of responsibility and that I should not have written to a high Home Office person. was flabbergasted, but I did it for the best of reasons. I had no idea that the chief constable would have taken such a negative stance on my

initiatives." Miss Halford said that when she had requested Sir Kenneth's comments on secondments of detectives to a police training school, he had come into her office, thrown the file on her desk and said: "Take advice, madam. You need a

She was appalled by this and sent him a letter asking what she had done to deserve such rudeness. She said she seemed to have been singled out for especially brusque behaviour but nevertheless pledged her loyalty and best endeavours to him.

No reply came to her letter but the next day at the counhorse show. Sir Kenneth had come up behind her and given her a bear hug. "I didn't know who it was. I am glad I didn't say anything rude or lash out. That was it. He has never done it again; he never would now, I am sure. I took it as an expression of regret."
Miss Halford is accusing

Sir Philip Myers, HM In-spector of Constabulary, James Sharples, chief constable of Merseyside, the home secretary and Northamptonshire police authority of sex discrimination after nine attempts by her to win promotion failed.

The hearing continues



Miss Halford: "gobsmacked" by boss's remarks

Welsh brothers accused of copying Kray twins

TWO Weish brothers who had been schoolboy boxers modelled themselves on the Kray twins to establish a life of violent crime, a court was told yesterday.
The brothers, who were

said to have promoted them-selves as leading London "hard men", are accused of conspiring to rob a building society branch to pay off their Patrick Harrington, for the prosecution, said that Leigh-

ton Frayne, 31, and his brother Lindsay, 25, of Newbrid e. Gwent, nac dressed like the Krays, frequented their old haunts, befriended their acquaintances and visited the twins in prison. Ronnie and Reggie Kray were jailed in 1969 for murder and a string of other violent crimes.

Mr Harrington told Newport Crown Court, Gwent, that the Fraynes had both served jail sentences two years ago. They used their time to ago. They used their time to become pen-pals with the Krays. They tried to sell memorabilis about the twins and sought to seablish a film contract for making a sequel to the film the Krays.

Like the Krays, they wore dark, double-breasted suits, white shirts, red or dark ties, and swept-back hair. They isited London regularly and mpersonated the Krays for ours each day. At weekends tey would visit Ronnie Kray



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in Broadmoor before going on to London and visiting the Krays' haunts.

Mr Harrington said that the brothers recruited their own minder as part of a gang and got themselves London girl friends. They began buying guns in London, either for their own protection or to sell for profit.

They terrorised victims in a manner reminiscent of the Krays, Mr Harrington said. In one incident, Lindsay Frayne held a replica pistol between the lips of a man who was being held down by Leighton and another man in the bedroom of a London flat. The victim, James Campbell, a former friend of the Krays. who had refused to be searched for a bugging device, suffered cuts to his arm

and forehead in the incident. Mr Harrington said that a room in the Kings Oak Hotel in High Beech, Essex, was "made available" for the brothers' use on their visits from Wales. The pair, who had signed on for the dole at home when their business selling Kray souvenirs failed. ran up a slate of £1,000. When the barman, Jim

O'Neill, challenged the broth-

AFTER last week's news that

a church choir in Plymouth

had resigned in protest at the

introduction of "happy-

clappy" tambourine and gui-

tar music to Sunday services.

reports from East Anglia sug-

gest that yet more good tunes

need snatching back from

the devil. Ely Cathedral is to

As currently understood, a

rave is an event at which

large numbers of young

people gather, often in a

warehouse or barn and usu-

ally until dawn, to achieve

transports of delight through

the playing of exceptionally

loud electronic music, some-

times aided by the use of

illicit substances. The police

are frequent and unwelcome

guests. Until now, raves have

not been widely known for

any connection with Chris-

tian worship.
Faced with the inexorable

decline of an audience that is

no longer drawn by hymns

ancient or comparatively

stage a rave.



Leighton Frayne, left, and Lindsay Frayne

ers about their debt, Mr Harrington said: "The Fraynes with their minder Paul Edwards followed him to the toilet, slapped him in the face, grabbed him around the neck and told him never to mention the slate again. Mr O'Neill was so frightened that he urinated in his trousers."

The Fraynes deny conspiracy to rob the Halifax Building Society in Newbridge. Lindsay Frayne also denies robbing the building society of £9,820 with another accomplice. Both brothers deny conspiring to sell firearms and possessing sawn-off shotguns.

Mr Harrington said that the Newbridge robbery was planned when the Fraynes were in substantial debt, but they had decided not to carry it out together because their similarity might be noted.

Two women cashiers were so terrified by two masked men with a sawn-off pumpaction shotgun that they had since been unable to return to work. Mr Harrington said. At the end of the robbery. "Lindsay Frayne held a gun while going backwards out of the door, just like in a TV film." The case continues

Ely rocks to rave in the nave

BY ALAN HAMILTON

modern, the dean and chap-

ter of Ely have determined to

speak to a wider congrega-

tion. The rave in the nave on

June 26 will feature bands

playing funk, indie and house music, none of it by

Wesley but all of it at suffi-

ciently high volume to raise

the roof of one of the out-

standing medieval buildings

of Europe. The dean expects

a congregation of at least

500, rather better than an

average evensong, paying £3

Critics say that the cathe-

dral known as the Ship of

the Fens, is no place for such

anties, but the dean, the Very

Rev Michael Higgins, a Bach

man himself, said yesterday

it was high time the diocese

did something for the young people of the locality.

"My idea was to provide a

pop music event for young

people. I thought we ought to be doing something for the

younger generation, and this

is what they have come up

Gerbil was cooked in deep fryer

A MAN who had been sniff-ing lighter fuel laughed as he cooked his gerbil in a deep-fat fryer, Mid Staffordshire magistrates were told yesterday.

Jerry Farrell, 29, took the animal out of its cage by its tail and put it into a wire basket which he then lowered into the boiling fat, the court

A friend later told RSPCA officers that he could hear the gerbil splashing around in the hot fat and making a squeaking noise. The gerbil's remains were taken to a vet who carried out a postshowed that the animal's flesh had been entirely cooked. Little remained apart from a greasy carcass. The animal either scalded to death or drowned in the fat.

Mr Christopher Lee, prosecuting for the RSPCA, said that it was a calculated act of cruelty which killed the gerbil in circumstances "which would repulse most right thinking members of society".

Mr Farrell, of Stafford, admitted cruelly ill-treating the animal at his home in February and the case was adjourned for four weeks for social inquiry reports. Mr Farrell was granted unconditional bail.

Mr Lee said Mr Farrell had earlier that day told a friend he was thinking of killing himself. At one point he had set fire to a pile of his clothes. When Mr Farrell was seen by an RSPCA inspector he admitted what he had done. saying he had been "feeling rather down" at the time. He added: "I feel very disgusted with myself."

Robert Chadwick, for Mr Farrell, accepted the case came at the top of the scale of cruelty to animals but said Mr Farrell had a "considerable psychiatric history".

with. It will be a Christian

event," Mr Higgins said. "I

cannot pretend that the

music is my scene, but it

speaks very powerfully to the

younger generation."
Mr Higgins admitted he

had had some ill-informed

reaction at the very mention

of the word "rave" - a word

liable to much misinterpreta-

tion - but most of the cathe-

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experience. We are here to

provide a ministry to all sec-

tors of the community, and

all the bands are coming

along to promote the Chris-

Andrew Gear, 33, the dioc-

esan youth officer, said the

church had to meet young

people where they were, and

with their own music. The Ely event would be a Chris-

tian occasion with a true act

of worship as its climax. It

will, the dean promises, end

Somerville students break ranks

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION REPORTER

A SPLINTER group of stu-dents at Somerville College, Oxford, has lodged an unexpected protest against the hard-fought legal campaign to stop the college admitting men, after several months of apparent solidarity.

More than 80 per cent of the college's 400 students are believed to oppose co-education, and the junior common room, which represents undergraduates, has passed a series of resolutions condemning the governing body's failure to hold appro-

priate consultations. A petition to stop the new admissions policy is being studied by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Somerville's visitor, Charlotte Pringle, a secondand those opposed to mixed admission are determined to take their case to court if he rules against them.

However, 47 students have signed a letter opposing legal action and claiming that the diversity of opinion within the college has not been fairly represented. "While we feel the debate concerning the acceptance of men to Somerville will inevitably continue, we deplore the efforts to change this debate from an ethical to a legal one," the letter says.

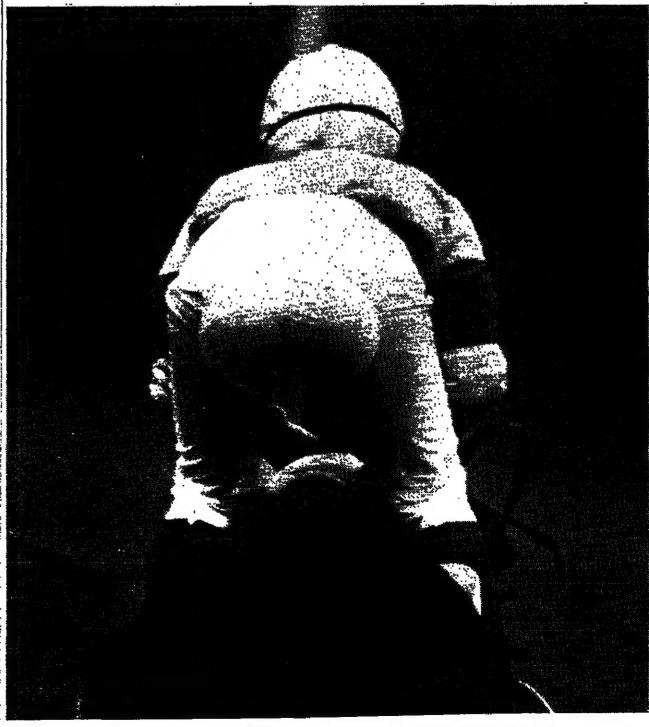
year postgraduate and one of the signatories, said yesterday that she supported the decision to admit men. She said: "From a prag-

matic point of view it's the sensible thing to do. In the letter, I wanted people to have the chance to speak out without going to a JCR meeting where they would be outnum-bered." It was difficult for dissenters to break ranks, she

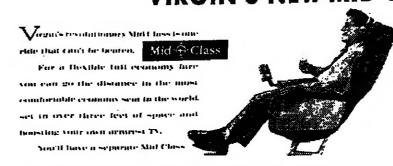
"I think most people applying to the university want to go to a mixed college, which would give Somerville a wider

mix of applicants. People are worried that the commitment to women would somehow evaporate, which seems a hysrerical reaction".

Rakhi Kumar, a first-year English undergraduate, said that dragging the dispute into the courts would merely postpone the inevitable and harm the college. "There are serious implications for the future of the college. Something has to be said about the damage done to the atmo-sphere," she said. "This is a divided college and the point of our petition was to show



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Kidney donor cards failing, say patients

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICE CORRESPONDENT

ing setting up a computerised central record of whether people are willing to donate their kidneys. Hospitals would have immediate access to the information, so that doctors would know of a patient's wishes without having to ask relatives.

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The possible change to the donor card system is prompted by the need to make more organs available, after the number of transplant operations fell last year for the first time in four years.

None of the 1,766 transplant operations last year resulted from the death of someone carrying a donor card, according to the British Kidney Patient Association.
Although 25 per cent of the population say they have signed a card, many fewer

The claim was disputed by the transplant service, which matches kidneys to donors. A spokeswoman said that it was not normally recorded whether donors had signed cards and there was anecdotal evidence that some, at

least, had. Elizabeth Ward, president of the British Kidney Patient Association, said that the donor card system, introduced 21 years ago, had failed. "We have to accept that it is not the means, and never will be, of procuring sufficient organs for transplant," she said.

The only answer was an opting-out scheme under which hospitals would have an automatic right to use the organs of a patient who had died, unless that person had registered that he or she did not wish their organs to be used, she said.

An opinion poll commissioned by the association showed that seven out of ten people said that they would agree to donate their kidneys after their death and six out of ten were in favour of an opting-out scheme.

"Almost three quarters say they wish to help others after their death and their wishes are not being respected."
Mrs Ward said. Support for opting out had doubled since the last survey four years ago.

and several states in the United States have introduced opting-out schemes but there is reluctance among doctors and MPs in Britain, who believe the culture here is of opting in. "Traditionally, we have preferred organ donation to be seen as a positive gift," Natalie-Jane Macdonald, head of the British Medical Association's ethics

division, said. Mrs Ward said that Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, was sympathetic to the idea of opting out but would not introduce legislation without the support of the medical profession.

In a letter to Mrs Ward. Mrs Bottomley said: "I do appreciate your frustration at the pace of change but the consensus of the profession is crucial. At present, professional opinion is still divided and I think that you are doing precisely the right thing to seek to influence through approaching health authorities with the findings of the survey." Mrs Bottomley said that

health department officials



Awaiting a donor: Sarah Bowles, 10, and her mother in hospital in London. Her first transplant failed

were looking at ways of in-cluding details of patients' wishes about donation on the NHS central register, a computerised index of all patients

introduced within two to three years. The number of kidney

transplant operations fell 6 per cent last year, from 1,870 fatal accidents on the roads. the chief source of transplant organs. The decline has pushed the number waiting for a transplant over 4,000

Increasing the number of transplants would save money and lives, Mrs Ward said. The cost of a transplant is £10,000, compared with £21,000 a year for dialysis.

Lyell backs advocacy rights

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Nicholas Lyell, QC, the attorney-general, has supported a renewed attempt by the Director of Public Prosecutions and the head of the government legal service for their lawyers to be granted advocacy rights in crown COURS.

The appeal by Barbara Mills. QC, and Sir James Nursaw, QC, has been made direct to the Lord Chancellor and the country's most senior judges, placing in their hands the controversial question of whether the Bar's monopoly should be broken.

The debate was fuelled yesterday with Sir Nicholas's statement that he "supports the case for extended rights of audience for government lawyers". This should come about "by evolutionary change".

Last month a previous attempt for crown court advocacy right by lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service and various government de-partments was rejected.

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Tree of life may yield cancer drug

Research suggests that the English yew will live up to its pagan name in the fight against a deadly disease. Nick Nuttall reports

THE English yew, known to pagan man as the tree of life but seen by his modern descendants as a poisonous tree useful only for keeping cattle from graveyards, may have been aptly named in ancient

Yew clippings from the maze at Longleat, Wiltshire, ere being harvested by scientists searching for new anticancer drugs. The leaves of the 16,000 trees, Taxus baccata, contain between 20 and 30 natural compounds. some of which scientists believe could be developed into turnour fighting

Paul Jenkins, a chemist at Leicester University, and Nicholas Lawrence, a lecturer at the University of Manches-Technology, have developed techniques that could turn the compounds into a plentiful family of cancer-attacking agents. They say that the re-search could lead to farmers. under EC pressure to reduce food production, finding the

yew a profitable crop. There has been a surge of interest in the cancer-fighting properties of the yew after the iscovery in 1971 of a subcance called taxol in the bark ri Pacific yew, Taxus brefolia. Lipical trials of taxol for king breast and ovarian cer are under way in ce and America.

Brisin Myers, the company working with the US Nat-oral restautes of Health and millions of dollars



Bugle plant: provides a natural insecticide

on the drug, expects to seek government approval to mar-

ket taxol this year.
Working with the bark-derived taxol has its drawbacks. Stripping bark kills the trees and is so inefficient that 12,000 are needed to get just 2.5 kilogrammes of the drug. This has aroused fierce concern for the virgin rainforests of northwest America.

Under an agreement with Longleat, 2,000 tonnes of clippings will be provided for the British scientists so they can investigate a compound in the leaves called Baccatin 111, which is similiar to taxol. Although Baccatin III is ineffective against cancer, the scientists plan to turn it into taxol, greatly increasing the amount available and ending the need to strip bark.

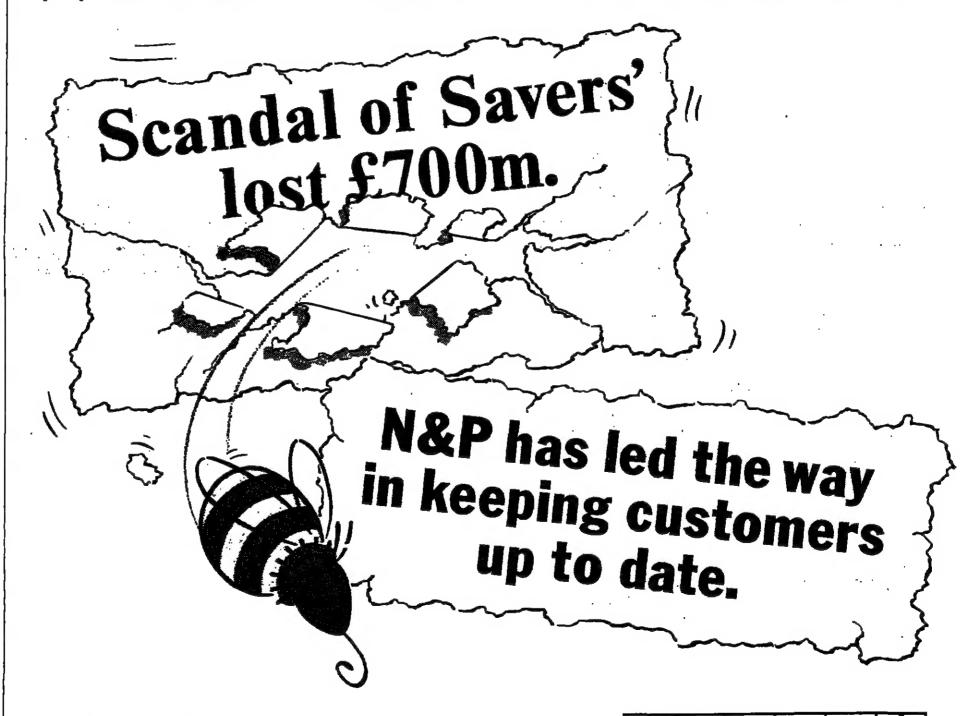
The English yew's leaves are believed to hold more than 20 promising compounds, some of which the scientists hope to adapt into a series of even more effective cancer drugs. The work, which is being funded by the Science and Engineering Re-search Council and the Dutch company Pharmachemie, could lead to a synthetic version of taxol in three years. It highlights the importance of preserving the range of plants and animals surviving mostly in the developing

Plants, some of which have appeared worthless, can suddenly be found to harbour compounds that tackle a new disease or indicate promising research opportunities. British researchers, including scientists at Kew Gardens, west London, have been experimenting with compounds from plants, such as the Moreton Bay Chestnut, Castanospermum australe, and the black mulberry, Morus nigra, which appear to inhibit the Aids virus. Another anti-Aids compound as been detected in the Madagascan periwinkle. Catharanthus roseus, at the Chelsea Physic

Kew scientists have also isolated a compound from a group of flowering plants called the bugles, or Ajuga, which act as natural insecticides. The compound app-ears to leave pests infertile and vulnerable to natural

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BT cuts off listed green phone box

By PAUL WILKINSON

BT FACES prosecution after demolishing a grade II listed telephone box appar-ority, said: "We have had a ently without permission and recting a glass replace-ment in the centre of a hamlet in the North York

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The 1935 box, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, was a landmark at Fangdale Beck, mainly because it was painted green at the request of the late Earl of Feversham, on whose estate the

hamlet lay.
BT said that the box had been vandalised beyond repair, but villagers say that this was used as an excuse to replace it. Stuart Cope- a safety hazard.

lot of trouble with BT over its insensitivity in replacing boxes in the national park and conservation areas."

A report to the authority's planning committee will recommend prosecution of BT for defying the box's protected status and an order requiring BT to return the

box, listed in 1990. Mr Copeland said BT had been told that listed building consent was needed. BT said yesterday that the box had been out of service since April and had become Changing faces of Labour leadership

Phrase-maker Kaufman leaves frontline fight

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

GERALD Kaufman, the man who would have been foreign secretary had Labour won the general election on April 9, announced yesterday that he was bowing out of frontline Labour politics.

After the decision of Neil Kinnock and Roy Hattersley to step down from the leadership, Mr Kaufman became the latest top-flight Labour politician to step aside for a new generation without having achieved cabinet office.

Mr Kaufman's decision, at the age of 61, not to stand again for the shadow cabinet and Labour's national executive committee (NEC) means that the new leader, almost certainly John Smith, will have lost the sharpest tongue on the front bench.

Mr Kaufman, who has had 18 years of front-bench politics, five in government and 13 in Opposition, leaves after a career in which the Parliamentary Labour Party's high regard for his talents has never apparently been shared by the public at large, although his constituents in Manchester, Gorton, gave him a record victory on April 9.

Labour's team, Mr Kaufman

at election times. However, successive Labour leaders. and particularly Mr Kin-nock, have seen him as one of their biggest assets. No Labour shadow politician has been more adept at mastering a brief, or at demolishing opponents in the Commons with a clinical and savage line in invective.

Labour MPs elected him to the shadow cabinet 12 times in succession, and he was always at, or near, the top of the annual contest, coming first on four occasions. Although they are from

pposite wings of the party, Mr Kaufman could not have served Mr Kinnock more loyally. When Mr Kinnock decided that Labour's unilateralist defence policy had to be ditched, he and his closest confidants agreed to "send for Gerald". Mr Kaufman was put in charge of the defence policy review group and eased Labour's biggest policy somersault through the party with aplomb.

Mr Kaufman promised yesterday to remain active in politics to help Labour. which has given me so much and to which I owe so much". That loyalty to the Labour

Kaufman has never refrained from upbraiding, usually in private, those whom he believed were doing it a disservice. But, again to help the party, the criticism has usualbeen levelled in private. Although others were thinking it, Mr Kaufman was the only shadow cabinet member

to tell Michael Foot that that he should quit as leader before the 1983 general election. The phrase-maker supreme was to warn the NEC that the 1983 manifesto was the "longest suicide note

Mr Kaufman's departure, along with that of Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley, and the election of two existing members of the shadow cabinet into their jobs, will mean that several new faces are certain to come into Labour's political vanguard in the July elections. Harriet Harman. George Robertson and Mar-tin O'Neill are among those who will hope to seize their

Mr Kaufman denied yesterday that his departure was prompted by despair, and said that he had decided two years ago that if Labour did not win the election he would

Kaufman, who had always been level-headed in private about Labour's position, genuinely believed, along with his colleagues, that the party was heading for victory. He said yesterday: "I think

it is right to make way for another political generation who, under the leadership to be elected next month, can carry the Labour party through to success in the next general election and into the

Mr Kaufman succeeded last year, after trying for many years, in winning election to the national executive committee, recognition that his talents were appreciated by consituency activists. His NEC position seems likely to be taken by Mr Kinnock, who is seeking election to the constituency section.

Mr Kaufman has been immersed in Labour politics since he left Oxford and entered journalism, working as a Daily Mirror researcher. He wrote sketches for the television programme That Was The Week That Was and was later political correspondent for the New Statesman. He worked at Downing Street as one of Harold Wilson's closest prime ministerial aides, before entering the Commons in 1970. In the 1974-79 Labour government he served as a minister at environment and industry.

Mr Kaufman, belying his unflattering Spitting Image portrayal, is the ultimate politician's politician. He will now have more time to devote his other passions, the cinema and the theatre.

His capacity to bait Tory opponents is unlikely to diminish. He has called Margaret Thatcher "the thieving magpie", Michael Heseltine a "commissar" and John Major "the man who came to dither". There are, no doubt, more gibes to come.

Tories take

heat out of

European

contest

By SHEILA GUNN

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE battle for the chairman-

fused last night as Conserva-

tive anti-federalists boycotted

the contest to concentrate

their fire against the bill to

ratify the Maastricht treaty.

Today's election is now be-

closely aligned to those of

John Major, and John

Butterfill, chairman of the

Conservative group on

Sir Peter, one of the party's

elder statesmen and a mem-

ber of the Tory backbench

1922 executive committee,

looks to be favourite for the

post although Mr Butterfill is

buttressed by support from

the right-wing 92 group. The anti federalists' tactic

will inevitably weaken the

ability of the committee to act

as the voice of Tory back-

Europe.



Moving on: Gerald Kaufman, who is leaving front-bench politics, yesterday

Tax package 'aids economy'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ROBERT MORGAN

THE taxation package the incentive necessary to atlaunched by the government before the election will play an important part in setting up Britain as an effective partner in an open European market, Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury, told the Commons yesterday.

Under the Conservatives' taxation changes of the 1980s, Britain had changed from a country which, 20 years ago, had a "weak and fragile economy" and feared competition from Europe to one which was looking forward to a new market of 350

The creation of lower income tax rates would act as

tract outside investment and encourage Britain's wealth creators to thrive within the EC. Half of American investment in the EC already came into Britain, and just under half now came from Japan, testament to Britain's poten-

tial for economic success. Mr Dorrell was moving the second reading of the finance bill which implements those provisions in the Budget not contained in the bill rushed through Parliament just before the election. He said that the reduction of the basic rate of tax to 20p was not an electoral gimmick but built on previous Conservative reforms. Already four million people were within the 20p tax band, which would be extended when it was prudent

An important element of

the Budget was the decision to combine the traditional spring Budget with the autumn statement in a single piece of legislation announced in December, starting next year. It would benefit employers, who currently had to arrange two changes of tax codes each year, although Mr Dorrell accepted there would be higher costs initially. Emplayees would also benefit by seeing tax cuts in their pay packets at the beginning of the tax year, instead of in mid-May, as at present.

HSBC Holdings plc to acquire the ordinary shares of £1 each in Midland Bank plc

On 2 June 1992 the boards of HSBC Holdings plc ("HSBC Holdings") and Midland Bank plc ("Midland") jointly anadunced that agreement had been reached on the terms of a recommended final offer ("Final Offer") to be made by J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited ("Schroders") on behalf of HSBC Holding for all the ordinary shares of £1 each in Midland other than the Midland shares already owned by the HSBC Holdings group. Terms defined in the Original Offer Document dated 8 May 1992 have the same meaning where used in this advertisement. The Final Offer will be made on the following basis:

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The Final Offer values each Midland share at 471p and the whole of the share capital of Midland, including the shares held by the HSBC Holdings group and assuming full exercise of all share options, at approximately £3.9 billion (HK\$54.5 billion). This value is based upon an estimate of the value of the new HSBC Holdings shares provided by Schroders and Cazenove & Co., based upon the middle market quotation of HSBC Holdings ordinary shares of HK\$47.75 (338.62p) as derived from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List on 1 June 1992, the latest practicable date prior to the announcement of the Final Offer and the sterling Hong Kong dollar exchange rate (being the mid-price quoted by Reuters at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 1 June 1992) and an estimate of the value of the bonds provided by Schroders and Cazenove & Co. The Final Offer values each Midland share at 47 ip and the whole of the share capital of Midland, including

The full terms and conditions of the Final Offer, including the Cash Election, will be set out in the formal Final Offer Document which, together with Supplementary Listing Particulars, will be posted by Schroders

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EC will not force rise in zero VAT, says Major

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major pledged yester- Christiane Scrivener, the EC ing minimum rate of VAT. day that there was no question of Britain being forced by the EC to charge VAT on such items as public transship of the Tory European port, food and children's affairs committee was de-

Sir Teddy Taylor, a prominent Euro-sceptic, had asked for an assurance from the prime minister that there would be "no surrender" from the government at next tween two MPs acceptable to the government, Sir Peter Hordern, whose views are Tuesday's meeting of EC finance ministers in Strasbourg. He said that

tax commissioner, had threatened "that you will be taken to court and Britain would be in real trouble if we did not agree to charge VAT on food, gas, electricity and children's clothing". Mr Major said: "There is

no question of the UK being forced to give up our zero rates. They are guaranteed in the sixth VAT directive."

The question was whether the EC Council of Ministers should agree to a legally bind-

Spending watchdog makes early start

By Sheila Gunn

ROBERT Sheldon, the former Labour Treasury minister, is favourite to be reelected chairman of the Commons public accounts committee, which acts as guardian of the public purse, later this month.

benchers on European policy. The post of chairman took on Although the select coma fresh prominence last year mittees, which shadow govwhen the former cabinet minernment departments, will ister and new party chairman not be set up before Novem-Sir Norman Fowler put himber. Tory and Labour busiself forward and successfully ness managers have agreed to saw off the challenge of the an early start to the public ardent anti-federalist William accounts committee because of its special role in checking Mr Cash, MP for Stafford. on government spending. Mr Sheldon, who has been

said yesterday: "The fact that we have now indicated in its chairman since 1983, is voting against a three-line expected to be selected again whip on this vital treaty at the first meeting next week. means it would be incongru-The committee includes six ous to stand for election at this stage." Christopher Gill, MP for

Ludlow and a former vice-chairman of the backbench committee, also said he was not standing because he so clearly opposed government policy.

The Tory anti-federalist MPs begin their campaign today to try to write parliamentary saleguards into the European Communities (Amendment) bill to prevent further moves towards closer unity. The committee scrutiny of the legislation will dominate the Commons agenda for the next few weeks.

One of the key amend-ments calls for a national referendum on the Maastricht treaty. Although a group of Labour EC-sceptics look certain to support the Tory rebels, the official Labour stance remains opposed

new members: Michael Ancram, Conservative MP for Devizes; Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington; James Coachman, Tory MP for Gillingham; Michael Stern, Conservative MP for Bristol North West; John Horam,

Conservative MP for Orping-

ton; and David Nicholson, Tory MP for Taunton. The others are the Labour. MPs Denzil Davies, Terry Davis, Kim Howells and Alan Williams; the Tory MPs Richard Page and Michael Shersby; and the Liberal Democrat MP Robert Maclennan. Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury, will be an honorary

continue to levy a zero rate of VAT and Mr Major, who pledged no VAT increases during the election campaign, does not believe there is any threat to that arrangement.
The situation could be al-

spared.

tered only by a new directive which would require the unanimous agreement of member states. But the EC commissioner has revived what British ministers see as the "theological" question of whether there should be an agreed minimum rate of VAT across the EC (likely to be 15 per cent, below Britain's rate of 17.5 per cent). Britain argues against that

"We do not believe that is

necessary for the completion

of the single market," Mr

Major said. Other related is-

sues remained to be resolved.

including the question of ex-

Norman Lamont, the

Chancellor, is blocking EC

proposals which would mean

large increases in duties on

gin and whisky, hitting Brit-ish sales to southern EC

states, while wine would be

Mr Major said: "We can-

not accept an agreement that

would force member states to

impose large increases in duty on spirits to the detri-

ment of our industry."

Britain agreed with the EC some while ago that it could

cise duties, he said.

in principle, believing it should be left to markets to pull rates together and insisting on maintaining fiscal

County councils offered reprieve

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

COUNTY councils may survive in some parts of the country thanks to a change of emphasis in the terms of reference for the biggest review of local government for two decades to be announced

today.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, will rell the Commons this afternoon about the future of local government, which is to be investigated by a special com-mission. His predecessor, Michael Heseltine, in draft guidance to the commission issued last year, made it clear that he expected to see a single tier of all-purpose councils based largely on existing district councils.

In a change of emphasis designed to stamp his mark on the process. Mr Howard will make it dear that, while the government still believes that unitary authorities offer the best solution, he does not wish to prejudge the outcome. He believes that the commission, chaired by Sir John Banham the outgoing direction of British Industry, should be allowed to make recommendations for change based on local needs and conditions.

Mr Howard argues that it would be wrong for him to prejudge the review before the commission has even begun its work and has said that the existing two tier structure may be appropriate in some areas.

Today's announcement is expected to include a timetable for the review which will require the commission to start work in Avon and Humberside. Plans to include Cleveland in the first wave are thought to have been dropped.

The first of the new allpurpose councils is due to come into existence in April will take five years to complete the review, taking several areas at a time. Mr Howard has made it clear that he will reserve the right to reject recommendations which he believes are not in the interests of good government or local people. Each proposed change will also have to be justified on financial grounds, although to succeed recommendations will not ive in show imi savings. Ministers accept that an upheaval in local government will cost money.

The prospects for survival of the majority of the 39 county councils in England are bleak. But the new tone set by Mr Howard means that some, which would certainly have faced extinction under Mr Heseltine, may survive either as part of a two-tier system or as unitary councils in their own right. Mr Howard believes that in some cases the 1974 reorganisation ignored the loyalties of local people. He will tell the commission that its overriding principle should be that the new councils command local loyalty.

A number of old county names, extinguished in the last big reform of 1974, are also likely to re-emerge as "non-administrative counties" with lords lieutenant. cricket teams and restored to their place on the postal map. They would, however, have no elected county council, all local government functions being run by unitary districts within their boundaries. Middlesex, the East Riding of Yorkshire. Westmoreland and Cumberland have been suggested as contenders for the new status.

Big cities such as Bristol and Hull are almost certain to regain unitary status. Districts based on old counties. such as Rutland and Huntingdonshire, are also regarded as strong candidates.

MPs give World Service warm reception

BY SHEILA GUNN

THE BBC World Service is praised in a report to MPs today, in spite of complaints that more than 40 per cent of listeners had difficulty in hearing programmes.

The National Audit Office asked its

sister bodies in more than 20 offices worldwide to tune in to the World Service on three days to test the suc-cess of the BBC's £166 million investment over ten years in improving

The result was that 58 per cent reported good reception but 27 per cent said they had to pay close attention and 15 per cent could not find the programme. Hungary, Turkey, Sierra Leone and Venezuela had the worst reception. There were also problems reported from Pakistan, the Philip-pines, Poland and Thailand. Sir Michael Checkland, the BBC's director general, and John Tusa, head

of the World Service, will be ques-tioned by the Commons public ac-counts committee about the findings. The report recommends that the Foreign Office should allow the World Service more authority to decide mi-Service more authority to decide mi-nor changes in the amount of broadcasting time for each country. The World Service has to agree every permanent change in amount of time broadcast with the Foreign Office," the audit office says. "It does not seem cost-effective for the World Service and the department to have to agree every marginal change in

output."
After visiting rival stations, includ-ing the Voice of America and Deut-

sche Welle, the auditors report a generally satisfactory system of finatcial managements at the World Service, which transmits 817.75 hours a week in 38 languages to an audience of about 120 million. Tributes had come from Mikhail Gorbachev, who said that he relied on the World Ser-vice when held captive during the failed Soviet coup, and the Beirut hostages Terry Waite, Terry Anderson and Tom Sutherland

The auditors found little attempt to discover why programme costs varied from between £500 and £1,500. Stu-dios were often left empty for too

National Audit Office: management of the BBC World Service (Stationery Office; £7)

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Defence firms find cause for optimism in German nervousness over European Fighter Aircraft

Bonn pull-out may boost British jobs

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A. DECISION by Germany to withdraw from the [2] billion European Fighter Aircraft programme would improve job prospects in Britain's aerospace industry, according to sources involved in the programme.

Although the loss of one of four partners would have a serious effect on the collaborative programme. British officials are adamant that the European fighter would survive Germany's withdrawal.

Britain, Italy and Spain, which remain committed to building and buying EFA, would share out the work now done by German companies. Germany which is paying for 33 per cent of the development costs, has been working on the aircraft's fin and cen-

tral fuselage. One industry source said yesterday: "It would be up to the other three countries to divide up the work. With fewer production lines and reduced labour costs, the plane could end up cheaper and more jobs would be created in Britain."

of Germany would inevitably

be costly. has said that the minimum cost effective production order would be 400-450 air-craft, which includes export

Rifkind seeks to save partnership

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE government reaffirmed its commitment to the European Fighter Aircraft programme yesterday and ressed Germany to involve itself fully in the project. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secsion by Germany to withdraw retary, said that Germany's from the project "would have commitment was important very considerable implicaif European co-operation and collaboration were to be taken seriously.

He said the project was perhaps the most important xample of European collaboration and that Britain, Italy and Spain were firmly committed to it.

Mr Rifkind said during Commons questions: "We very much hope that the German government, which has not yet reached a decision. will confirm its willingness to be associated with the project because otherwise it will be very difficult to take seriously protestations of the need for European co-operation and collaboration."

In spite of the positive approach adopted by industry, the government and the prin-cipal British companies involved in the programme are still hopeful that Germany will remain a partner. Transferring work and facilities out

The Ministry of Defence

He paid tribute to Germany's position, over the years, as "an extremely reliable partner". Menzies Campbell. the Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, said that a deci-

tions for European security" Martin O'Neill, the shadow defence secretary, said that the project could continue without German involvement and welcomed Mr Rifkind's commitment. The need for replacements for Phantom and Jaguar aircraft would continue to produce orders which could be met by working in partnership with

Italy and Spain. He said that there might be need for a review of the estimate, made in 1986, of the number of fighter aircraft required. Mr Rifkind replied that the government had been working on the basis of

sales. On that basis, even if Germany cancels its requirement for 250 of the aircraft, the production lines could still roll without seriously affecting the overall cost.

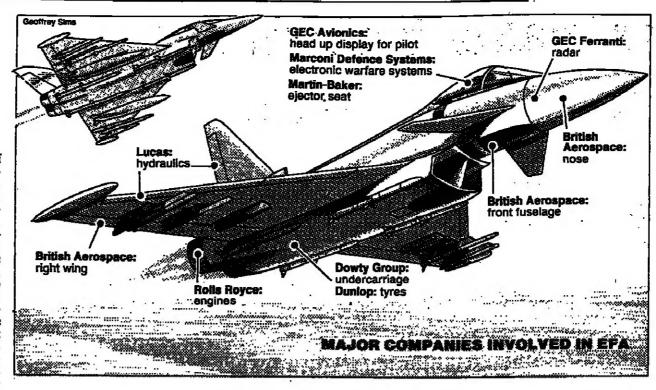
Britain also has a requirement for 250 aircraft, but this is likely to be reduced. Italy's declared production option for 165 and Spain's for 100 are also likely to be cut back.

Dozens of British companies are involved in the programme, with about 20,000 jobs directly and another 20,000 indirectly dependent on its successful completion. British Aerospace employs about 2,000 at its factory in Warton, near Preston, the main centre for the aircraft development. Another 2,000-3,000 will be involved when production starts. GEC, whose various subsidiaries are developing the aircraft's radar, electronic counter-measure systems and head-up display for the cock-pit, has about 1,000 people working on EFA.

Germany also has about 20,000 defence workers involved in the EFA development programme and Volker Ruhe, the German defence minister, has been severely criticised for putting their jobs at risk.

The final cost of EFA will remain a controversial issue. Britain and Germany have each shared 33 per cent of the development costs, which is based on the number of aircraft they wanted to buy. The production cost will also be based on how many aircraft each country buys. This will mean that Britain will have to bear the largest share if Germany withdraws.

At present, British industry expects EFA to cost about 80 per cent of the cost of Tornado, also a European collaborative project. This would mean a unit cost of less than £20 million. The German quoted figure of £45 million per aircraft takes into account the life-long cost of each air-



Kohl tries to put off decision on jet

WITH the German budget already stretched to breaking point by the cost of unification, the Bonn coalition government is looking for ways to defer taking a decision on buying the European Fighter Aircraft until after the next general election in 1994.

In theory the government must make up its mind by July 1, when the federal budget for 1993 must be presented to the Bundestag. If the Luftwaffe is to be equipped with the plane, the defence budget should include provision for buying it.

The three government coalition parties are meant to agree a joint policy on what to do within the next month. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, meets John Major for lunch on Friday to discuss the issue, but is expected to try to leave all his options open, even after the July deadline. Volker Rühe, the new and

hard-headed defence minister, has already decided to recommend that Germany pulls out of the scheme once the development stage is over. He will be urging the coalition parties to support him during meetings planned for June 16 and June 23.

However, Herr Rühe's influential point of view is not able parmer in Europe at a

The German chancellor is attempting to keep his options open in the face of hostility to the European Fighter Aircraft project from his defence minister, Volker Rühe, right, who says he wants to put

on its own decisive. There is a growing awareness that, if Germany pulls out now, thousands of jobs in aviation will be lost in Bavaria, while the industry in other countries will benefit because a necessary new generation of fighter aircraft will have to be

men before machines,

Ian Murray reports

imported. More worrying is the warn-ing issued by Edzard Reuter, the head of Daimler Benz, that if Germany drops out it will lose its technological edge. The future of the entire German economy was being put at stake because of "shortsightedness, aggravated by rose-coloured, populist spectacles", he said.

Herr Kohl is also known to be concerned that, by pulling out, Germany will lose considerable credibility as a reli-



time when he wants to lead the way towards further European integration. Herr Kohl must also con-

front the difficulties of coalition politics. The German aerospace industry is based in Bavaria ruled by the Christian Social Union (CSU), close partners of the chancellor's Christian Democrats. The CSU leader, Theo Waigel, who is also the feder-al finance minister in charge of the budget, has said that at least 20,000 jobs are at stake in Bavaria and there would be dire electoral consequences if the project was dropped. He has put in a strong plea to defer a decision "for several years" until after the bulk of spending in the

east is over. The end of the Cold War and the high cost of unifica-

spending unpopular in Germany and Herr Ruhe is already committed to pruning the defence budget by DM20 billion (£6.9 billion) by 2005. There will then be DM10.2 billion set aside for replacing the Phantom, but that will only be enough to buy about half the 140 aircraft the Luftwaffe says is the bare minimum needed to main-

tain a credible defence. Only by slashing back the army to well below its 370,000 planned strength will there be enough money to buy the necessary number of aircraft. Herr Rühe, who wants to give soldiers a pay rise of two marks, that would cost the equivalent of five EFAs, says that he is determined to put men before machines.

The real cost of the EFA is hotly disputed in Germany. Its supporters say that, by the time the state takes back the taxation on salaries and materials paid for building it in Germany, the net cost of each machine will be about DM30 million, just over half the price of its cheapest rival. Its detractors say that the true cost will be closer to DM 150 million and is rising all the

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MPs call for army rethink

MPs pressed Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, to think again about the proposed amalgamations of army regiments that stem from Options for Change. At Commons questions Mr Rifkind said: "I attach very considerable importance to ensuring that the force levels are appropriate to the demands expected of our armed forces. If the government ever came to the view

that these force levels need-

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course that is what we

would do."

The government is reviewing the Caravan Sites Act with the aim of reducing the nuisance caused by illegal encampments. Tony Baldry, environment under secretary, said in a written reply.

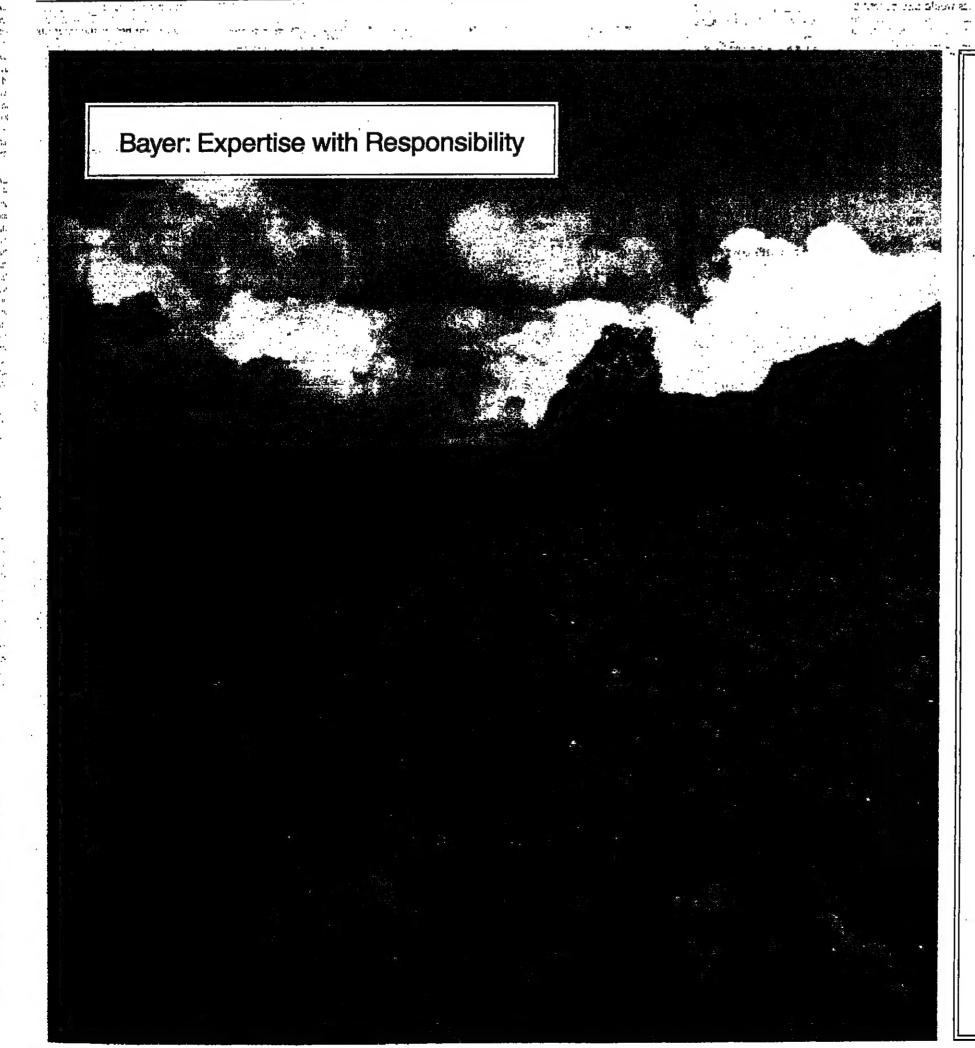
Water works

In the next two months a consultation document will be issued on water conservation measures, including the potential role of meters for domestic supplies, David Madean, the environment minister, said in a written reply.

Russian aid

During the past six months Britain has sent about 52,00 tonnes of beef to Russia under the aid programmes, Mark Lennox-Boyd, Foreign Office under secretary, said in a written reply.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office. European Communities (Amendment) bill, committee, first day. Lords (2.30): Debate on the committee work of the



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DPP defends refusal of Taylor's offer

By Frances Girr Legal Correspondent

THE Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday defended her decision to reject an offer by the Lord Chief Justice to ve evidence at the appeal of Judith Ward.

Barbara Mills, QC, said that Lord Taylor of Gosforth. the country's most senior judge, had been treated like any other potential witness. "He offered to give evidence but, as it was clear from his letter that he would not have been able to give any addi-tional material to help the Court of Appeal, he was not called," Mrs Mills said. Counsel for the defence had also been informed of Lord Taylor's decision, she said.

Gareth Williams, QC, the chairman of the Bar, criticised the failure of the DPP's office to act on the unprecedented offer by Lord Taylor to go into the witness box. He said: "It's vey heartening that we have Lord Taylor taking the initiative and not just talking about opening doors but doing it. But if you have got the Lord Chief Justice saying that he will assist, it seems very strange indeed that the offer was not taken

Mr Williams said that it might help if the DPP's office could be more open. "Public officials would do themselves and the public a service if they behaved more openly and ex-plained themselves. People are now wondering what is

Lord Taylor has said that he wrote to the DPP making it clear that he was willing and able to go into the witness box at the appeal, but his offer was not taken up. As Peter Taylor, QC, he was a junior prosecuting counsel at the trial 18 years ago when Miss Ward was jailed for life for the M62 coach bombing. in which 12 people died. There have been criticisms that nobody from the original prosecuting team gave evidence at the appeal hearing, particularly to answer questions of non-disclosure of

Although the Court of Appeal judges — Lords Justices Glidewell and Nolan with Mr Justice Stevn - had said that they would have liked a witness statement to be taken

up. It is not a judgment I from Brian Walsh, QC, now a would have made." from Brian Walsh, QC, now a crown court recorder, prosecrown court recorder, prosecution lawyers did not take a

statement. Lord Taylor, in an interview with The Times, said: "I got in touch with the DPP and said I was perfectly will-ing and able to give evidence if required and I asked that to be conveyed to the Crown and the defence."

Yesterday it was unclear why the Court of Appeal judges had not invited the Crown to call the Lord Chief Justice, nor why the defence team did not query the fact that he was not called. De-fence lawyers are refusing to comment while the Court of Appeal has yet to give its judgment. The court is tomorrow expected to quash the convictions as unsafe and

unsatisfactory.

Lord Taylor said in the interview that Miss Ward's case was a classic example of a miscarriage of justice -"one in which one feels very great regret". However, he said that as far as his personal role was concerned: "I can only say I have no feeling of guilt over what I did."



Garden in the air: the roof garden on the Cannon Bridge development in the City of London nearing completion yesterday. The garden covers just over an acre and has a computer-controlled irrigation sys-tem (David Young writes). The planning of the garden and the

choice of plants was dictated by the weight of soil that could be support-ed and by the winds which will blow from the river. The greatest depth of soil possible was about 18in, too shallow for trees. The roof was finished with layers of asphalt tanking then insulating board with a concrete screed on top to stop gardeners' forks from penetrating the asphalt. There is a layer of expanded clay granules to provide insulation and drainage. The project took six months. A mobile crane was used to hoist about 1,000 tons of soil slabs, sand, chippings and plants to the rooftop. Simon Blackley, of Waterers Landscapes. Ascot. said: "It has been one of the most interesting projects we have had to work on. Because of City parking restrictions, we had to lift all the soil and plants on to the

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Village 'cathedral' needs £250,000

A £250,000 APPEAL has ture in the fourteenth been launched to save an ancient church in danger of collapsing. If work does not start by September, St Peter and St Paul, Kedington. described by the late Sir Nikolaus Pevsner as the Westminster Abbey of Suffolk, is expected to close within a year.

The church stands on a steep bank of the Stour and is of cathedral proportions. with a tower, chancel, nave and two aisles. Part of the site is thought to have been occupied by a Roman villa and traces of Roman bricks and mosaics can still be seen in

The building contains a rare Saxon cross, dating from around 900 AD, which was discovered under the floor in the last century. The original Norman tower was erected by John of Newmarket but was replaced by the present struc-

century. The perpendicular nave and chancel were built by the Barnardiston family, who were the main benefactors for generations and whose monuments adom the church.

Because of its remoteness, the church never attracted the attention of Victorian "improvers", and is noted for its wealth of old furnishings. They include fifteenth century pews, a font from about the same period, and a long chest and almsbox of earlier date. The altar and pulpit are Jacobean and the oak chancel screen is said the be the earliest post-Reformation screen in England.

The Rev Peter Edwards. the rector, said yesterday that at least £50,000 was needed for urgent structural repairs and villagers had recently launched a fund-raising campaign.



The Rev Peter Edwards at the church yesterday

Big Ben rings out in Durham

By Paul Wilkinson

DURHAM'S turbulent bishop and conscience on the oulder of government, Dr David Jenkins, will find Vestminster has unexpectedly moved onto his doorstep

Five miles down the road from his cathedral, at the old mining village of West Rainton, the chimes of Big Ben will begin marking every quarter-hour and deliver the hourly bongs just as they do over the Houses of Parliament 300 miles to the south.

A computer-controlled set of Westminster chimes has been installed in the clock tower of St Mary's parish church to replace an aging bell which stopped striking four years ago. The poor state of the tower meant that it could not take the weight of a new mechanism without expensive repairs, so the parish council has bought a £4.000 nicrochip digital alternative.

The tower might be crumbling, but at the touch of a button the rector, the Rev David Guest, can create computer campanology on a par with some of the best belfries the land. The sounds of six bells can be simulated, so besides the chimes of Westminster he can ring the changes with three different wedding peals and a carol for

Thea Dawson, chairman of the parish council, said: "I think people will be impressed by the sound of Big Ben in little West Rainton."

Bailiffs go into police HQ

Bailiffs went into the She field headquarters of South Yorkshire Police yesterday over a £63.000 bill for legal fees. They were instructed to recover police cars and computer equipment.

The money was owed to Sheffield solicitors who had acred for a man beaten up at Cortonwood, near Barnsley, during the 1985 miners

The force said yesterday that it had recently paid the bill and that the bailiffs did not remove any property.

Don's suicide

Professor John Hall, 64. scnior lecturer at St John's College, Cambridge, stabbed himself to death because he was depressed about his forthcoming retirement, an inquest at Bury St Edmunds. Sulfolk, was told. The coroner recorded a ventict of suicide.

Boy charged

A boy aged 11 was charged with the manslaughter of his brother, 13, at their home in Oldham, Greater Manchester. Magistrates in the town remanded him on £4.000 bail

Job claim fails

Margaret Slade, 50, a 17stone kitchen assistant who left her job at a hotel in Barry. South Glamorgan, after her boss suggested she go on a diet, lost her claim for constructive dismissal at a tribunal hearing in Cardiff.

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Primaries end with a whimper

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE United States presiden-tial primary season finally ended with contests in California and five other states yesterday, but neither President Bush nor Bill Clinton, the Republican and Democratic victors, had any cause for celebration.

Despite their huge investment of time and money since the primaries began in New Hampshire in February, the season will be remembered chiefly for record low turnouts of turned-off voters, brief surges of enthusiasm for the

Assad says **Israelis** want war

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

PRESIDENT Assad of Syria yesterday raised tension in the Middle East by accusing the Israeli government of try-ing to push the region into a new war to sabotage the Ma-drid peace process and to win votes in this month's election.

In an interview with BBC World Service Television, he declared that if Syria were attacked it would defend itself. His remarks followed references by Syrian officials to the possibility of a war arising from the escalation over the past two weeks of violence in southern Lebanon which has left 23 people dead and 63

wounded. Western observers fear that there is a possibility of war if Syrian gunners were to destroy an Israeli jet or if Israel pushed more ground troops further north from its security zone in southern Lebanon. "Israel is the country that threatens to launch war." said the Syrian leader in his first televised interview since the Gulf war last year.

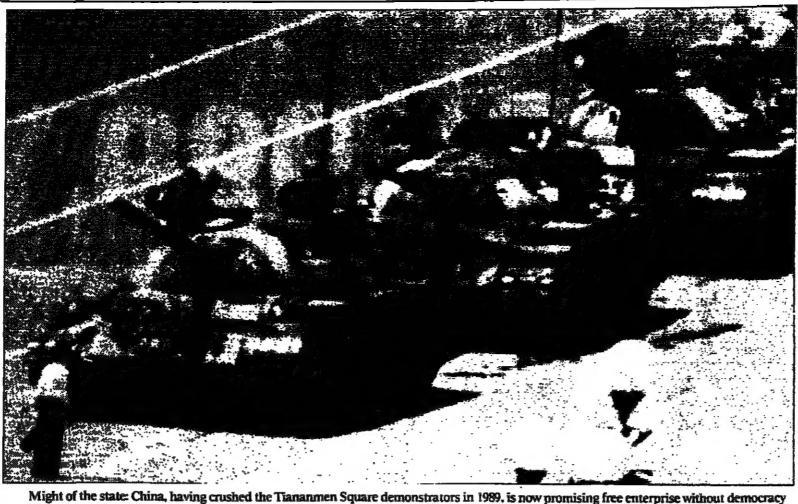
"angry outsider" candidacies of Paul Tsongas, Jerry Brown and Patrick Buchanan, plus the phenomenal rise of the ultimate political neophyte. Ross Perot

As voters went to the polls esterday in California, New lersey, Ohio, New Mexico, Montana and Alabama a new Washington Post poll showed Mr Perot leading nationally by 34 per cent, with 31 per cent for Mr Bush and 29 per cent for Mr Clinton. For an independent, let alone one who has not yet declared. actually to lead in the polls is unprecedented, while Mr Bush's showing is one of the worst ever for an incumbent

However a separate poll for CBS television, underscoring the extreme volatility of this year's election, showed Mr Bush ahead on 35 per cent. with Mr Clinton and Mr Perot virtually tied for second place with 27 and 26 per cent respectively. The Post's poll demonstrated how Mr Peror's presence has wrecked the tried-and-tested campaign strategies of the two parties. It showed Mr Bush well ahead of Mr Clinton in the north and north-east, traditional Democratic strongholds, but trailing in the Republican bastions of the south and west.

More than 700 Democratic delegates were being selected yesterday, ensuring that Mr Clinton gained far more than the 167 he required to guarantee a first-ballot majority at the Democrats July convention. But what he needed most was a thumping victory in California over Jerry Brown, the state's former governor, to lift his battered campaign. However a final California poll at the weekend showed him limping home by 35 points to 28, with Mr Tsongas still attracting 17 per cent even though he withdrew in March.

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Chinese turn from conflict to capitalism

AS THE anniversary of the crushing of the democracy movement in Peking ap-proaches, the people who in 1989 had their hearts set on revolution have turned

to making money.

Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, who in 1989 ordered the army to fire on unarmed demonstrators, leaving thousands injured, encouraged the capitalist movement in remarks earli-er this year. Abandoning communist phraseology, and with no passing reference to Marx, Mr Deng said that China should emulate the "four little dragons" of Asia: Taiwan, Singapore, South Korea and Hong Kong He picked out Singa-pore as a model not only of an economic miracle, but also of strict social control. Mr Deng still speaks of socialism with Chinese

characteristics". It appears,

streets in 1989. Those who condemned Mr Deng for his role in

Catherine Sampson from Peking

On the anniversary of the Tiananmen

killings, those once bent on revolution

are now bent on making money, writes

however, that, after the collapse of communism elsewhere, he accepts a future in which there is still a dictatorial leader, but where free enterprise leads the economy and communism is irrelevant. That is Mr Deng's quiet revolution. It will not bring about democracy if he has anything to do with it, but he is hoping that prosperity will satisfy most of the frustrations that brought millions on to the

1989 in general support his latest policy. Cowed by the army action on June 4.

1989, they see a gradual evolution into capitalism as the only way for China to change without mass bloodshed or food queues.

Unlike eastern Europe before the collapse of com-munism, political opposition has all but been eliminated in China. It is possible to count on the fingers of one hand the people who still call for political reform on the record. Occasional acts of defiance amount to little more than an unsigned poster on a campus or a wreath in remembrance of those killed

While using economic

liberalisation to satisfy peo-ple. Peking has suppressed those they think cannot be bought off. International pressure has led to the well publicised releases of some prominent dissidents, but three years after Tiananmen, thousands are believed to be detained. Zhao Ziyang, the former party leader, remains under virtual house arrest, and three of his top aides are still await-ing trial. Others, such as Dai Qing, the journalist who was refused re-entry to

Chinese passport, have been sent abroad to study. People in Peking speak openly and unabashedly about how their priorities have changed from political change to foreign exchange. A stroll down the street provides evidence of the changes in the past three years. Thousands of cars

China this week despite her

bear the P or F on their number plate that denotes a private car. One in every to his belt that will alert him to a business phone call. In one of the best French restaurants in town, men pego tiate deals over fresh lobster, one shouting above the fashionable hush into a portable telephone.

Mr Deng has spoken re-cently of revitalising the state-run sector. The People's Daily has been blunt about what that entails. "Some people's wages will increase as a result," it said in an editorial last week, "but others will have to take a cut in pay, or may even be made redundant." Conservatives may argue about whether such moves are socialist in nature, but they are faced by the fact that loss-making enterprises are bleeding the state dry.

Police name new leader of Eta

The Spanish police yesterday named Faustino Estanislao Villanueva, nicknamed "Txapu", as the possible new leader of Eta, the Basque separatist organistion. He es-caped to France nine years ago and is assumed to be still

Three months ago French police detained Francisco Mugica. Eta's top leader, in France and last Sunday in the same area they detained his successor. Inaki Bilbao. 32, together with Eta's explosives expert, Rosario Pikabea, 30, and Bernardo Mella, 37, Bilbao's bodyguard, a former member of the Chilean MIR terrorist group.

Doctors in Amman. Jordan, said that the Palestinian Liberation Organisation leader, Yassir Arafat, 62. was doing "remarkably well" one day

blood dot. The model Rachel Hunter, wife of rock star Rod Stewart, has given birth to a daughter.

after they removed a cerebral

President de Klerk of South Africa left Moscow for St Petersburg to meet local officials.

The Pakistan prime minister, Minn Nawaz Sharif, is to pay an official visit to Britain later this month at the invitation of John Major, officials in Islamabad said.

Prince Pedro Thiago de Orleans y Braganza. 13, the great-great grandson of Brazil's last monarch, was res-cued by police after being kidnapped for a week, au-thorities in Rio de Janeiro reported.

President Mitterrand weicomed Margaret Thatcher to lunch at the Elysée Palace. What they discussed remained strictly private.

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from a Central Asian or Is-lamic background, are still in Afghan hands. Martin Wil-liams, head of the foreign.

life after embracing Islam and marrying Afghan A spokesman for the Russian foreign ministry said: We do not insist that all or any of these men must return home. But we want to meet them and ascertain their

The problem facing the Red Cross and other bodies anxious to tackle this outstanding humanitarian issue from a past war is that the Russians are all given Islamic names by their captors and have been invited to change their dress and appearance to fit in with local custom, and so they are harder to trace

Russian public opinion is urging the government to do more to save these last victims of the Soviet system. Mr Williams's mission will also discuss the reopening of the British embassy in Kabul. which was closed when the Soviet army withdrew.

• Kahul: Gunmen opened fire on Jalaluddin Haqqani, a senior Afghan Mujahidin leader, wounding three of his guards, and clashes between rival guerrilla groups claimed several lives as new violence broke out in Kabul yesterday. The violence was the worst since a ceaselire ended open warfare among guerrilla lactions early last month, following the downfall of the

Nato general lists perils and prerogatives for peace force GENERAL John Galvin.

Europe's most senior military commander, gave a warning yesterday of the dangers for peacekeepers in the unstable post-Cold war world. He was speaking on the eve of a meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Oslo set to approve a new peacekeeping role for the alliance. General Galvin outlined

his views in an interview with The Times before retiring as Supreme Allied Commander. Europe, on June 24 after five years in the post. He said the conflict in the former Yugoslavia was too volatile to expect UN peacekeeping troops to act in "a simple constabulary" role. just walking around with blue helmets and pistols. Peacekeeping troops might need reinforcing or evacuating, he said

The mission, he went on. could then turn from peace-keeping to peacemaking.

As Nato adapts to the realities of an unstable, post-Cold war world, its retiring commander sees vital new roles for the group, Michael Evans writes

could be in Yugoslavia by

Christmas. But French ob-

jections to plans to use Nato

soldiers for peacekeeping op-

erations are threatening to

derail the alliance's attempt

to launch itself into a new

post-Cold war role. Manfred

Wörner, Nato's secretary-

general, predicted last week

that the Oslo meeting would

endorse a statement that Eu-

rope's 52-nation Conference

on Security and Co-opera-

tion in Europe, the CSCE,

could call on Nato peace-

keepers if the need arises.

But France, which cam-

paigns discreetly to reduce

Nato's prominence and in-

fluence, is refusing to agree

that any CSCE requests for

Britain is contributing 300 military personnel, mostly from 24 Field Ambulance, to the United Nations peacekeeping force in Croatia. They will all be deployed by the end of this month.

Nato governments are currently considering a Dutch initiative to give the alliance a peacekeeping role outside its traditional borders. Defence ministers supported the proposal in Brussels last week and foreign ministers will discuss it at a meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Oslo tomor-

The Dutch defence minister claimed last week that Nato peacekeeping forces

help should be made to the alliance. This is a setback to Nato's hopes of placing itself at the centre of future con-French diplomats working

on the text of the statement to be discussed by ministers in Oslo tomorrow suggest that peacekeeping invitations should be made to individual governments which could decide their response separately. They have argued that Nato's name should not even be mentioned in connection with peacekeeping. French reservations are shared by Spain and Belgium.

The most likely outcome of the dispute is a verbal fudge which leaves all options open. The dispute is over semantics on the surface but is central to Nato's ability to adapt to the new realities. If the alliance's integrated command machinery does not find a new role, the entire institution is liable to find itself sidelined by other

competing groupings.

General Galvin, who is also commander of United States forces in Europe, said Nato would be a good peacekeeper. He said: "Nato has the training, the infrastructure and the overall readiness [to operate] in a situation where the roles are shifting. Nato is the one coalition in the world capable of taking on such a mission."

While declining to speculate on what an outside force would need to do if there were a move to use military action to enforce the peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina, General Galvin said intervention was feasible, although it would not be "free of sacrifice". "If you're going to do it, you better do it with a well trained and well organised force," he said. Any operation would have to be care-

fully thought out, with "a lot

ment".

The general has supervised Nato's force restructuring in Europe after the collapse of the Warsaw Pact and the break-up of the Soviet Union. He admitted that with political events changing so rapidly, he and his staff had to make constant adjustments to the restructuring plans.

With questions posed about Nato's role now that the threat of a massive surprise attack in Europe has vanished, General Galvin insisted that he did not need to "drum up" new business for the alliance. "That's not necessary to ensure the survival of Nato." he said. The alliance's future lay in a combination of roles: peacekeeping, peacemaking, defence, deterrence and humanitarian missions.

"Nato will have no trouble existing for a long time in the

rule out Nato peacekeepers acting east of Nato's boundaries but he said any such operation would require a coalition of forces including units from the countries concerned. "You couldn't have Nato acting without the east-

ern countries' involvement. He added that Nato had proved its peacekeeping expertise in northern Iraq when troops intervened in Operation Provide Comfort to help the Kurds who had taken refuge in the mountains on the border with Turkey. General Galvin emphasised the importance of calculating the risks of becoming involved in any peacekeeping operation. "In the past, peacekeeping has been swept aside by conflict. for example in Beirut."

He is being succeeded by General John Shalikashvili, Additional reporting by George Brock

Hurd warning on intervention

Britain reluctant to use troops in Bosnia

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent, and Jill Sherman

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday made it clear that the government would be "very reluctant" to consider sending British troops to impose peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina, if sanctions failed to stop the bloodshed.

General Galvin: Nato

is fit for action

He said: "We should not pretend more than we can achieve. Neither marines nor parachutists nor new-fashioned blue helmets can fight their way to peace among peoples mingled together vil-

Speaking at a Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association lunch in London, he said: "It is easier to sketch such a military operation in theory than to launch it in practice - and easier to

Britain will

ask Kabul

to trace

Russians

A BRITISH diplomatic mis-

sion, which arrived in Kabul

yesterday, is to raise with the new Afghan leaders, mostly

Mujahidin commanders, the

problem of prisoners from the

former Soviet army still being

held by various groups, in

some cases more than seven

years after being captured and three years after Moscow

Up to 60 men, half of them

Europeans from Russia and

Ukraine and the other half

office's South Asia depart-

ment and leader of the mis-

sion, has a list of 15 men

known by the Russian foreign

ministry to be alive. Most

want to go home to their families, although a few have

been integrated into Afghan

launch it than to see how it can be successfully

Mr Hurd said he did not exclude military action, but later he repeated his doubts about the use of force in the Commons. He told MPs: While people see destruction and massacre night after night, they do not expect us to send in troops but to take some sensible action to bring

the suffering to an end." In contrast to Mr Hurd's remarks, Cavaco Silva, the Portuguese prime minister, said military intervention might be necessary if sanctions failed. Portugal holds the EC presidency until July 1 when Britain takes over. Speaking in Berlin, he said: "If the genocide continues,

Yeltsin in

'libel suit

warning to

Gorbachev

PRESIDENT Yeltsin has given former President Gorbachev a warning that he will be taken to court if

he continues his criticism

Mr Yeltsin's spokesman

said that recent declara-

tions and predictions by

the former Soviet leader went far beyond the bounds

of what was appropriate for a former president of the country. His remarks had

taken on an ever more pre-

scriptive tone and his latest criticisms "could only be described as a deliberate

attempt to increase polit-

ical tension and destabilise

the social and political bal-

ance in the country".

The spokesman said that

Mr Yeltsin wanted to make clear to Mr Gorbachev the

danger and unacceptability

of his remarks. He said that

Mr Yeltsin would be forced

to take the necessary legal

steps to ensure that the course of national reform

He did not specify those

steps but appeared to be warning Mr Gorbachev that he would be sued for libel if he continued to

write and speak out as he

has in the past few days. Last Friday, in a withering interview with Komsomol-

skaya Pravda, Mr Gorb-

achev said that he could no

longer keep silent in his

criticism of privatisation,

agricultural policy and the

legalisation of organised

crime and its bosses. The government had to correct its course. "It should do what it ought to do. If it

cannot, just say so and re-sign." So far he had not

Mr Gorbachev, who has

often insisted that he is not

using his foundation as a

basis for setting up an opposition party, said that he was not going to withdraw into the political wilderness. But he denied

suggestions that he was

breaking an agreement with Mr Yeltsin to keep

"Yeltsin is not Jesus

Philip Howard, page 14

Christ. I do not have to

report to him," the former

president told the paper.

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of the Russian govern-ment's economic reforms.

then we cannot exclude that

Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, also said military intervention to halt fighting in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina should not be ruled out. However "military measures" should only be a last resort and sanctions should be given time to work. Yesterday Serb paramili-

tary forces continued to break the UN-brokered ceasefire by shelling the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, apparently indifferent to the UN trade embargo. Mr Hurd said the power of outsiders to stop the new conflicts that were springing up should not be exaggerated.

Apart from Bosnia, there was fighting along the southern fringe of the former Soviet Union. "Neither the UN, nor the EC, nor the WEU [Western European Union), nor the CSCE [Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europel, nor Nato, nor any combination of initials can by themselves impose a peace by force or exorcise fears and

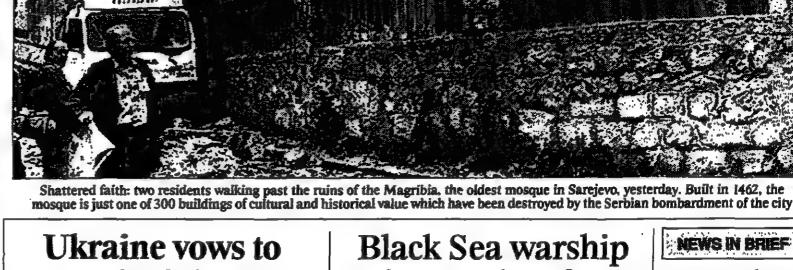
He said other dangers were in the making which potentially were "more explosive than anything we have seen so far". He cited the failure of the Russians to give a date for the withdrawal of their forces from the Baltic republics.

Detailing the sanctions directed at Serbia and Monte-negro, Mr Hurd told the Commons they were among the most comprehensive ever adopted by the UN. He said: "We do not wish to penalise the Serbian people or to de-stroy the Serbian economy. But we must bring home to Mr Milosevic (the Serbian leader) and his supporters that the international community cannot tolerate his

present policy."

Cedric Thornberry, the United Nations troubleshooter, was trapped yesterday in an army base on the outskirts of Sarajevo after a UN-escorted food convoy was am-bushed in one of the city's frontline suburbs. Confused reports spoke of two injured and one dead. A UN spokeswoman said that attempts to reach the wounded had been prevented because rescuers had been threatened with

anti-tank weapons. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the UN secretary-general, yester-day accused Croatia of continuing to intervene directly in Bosnia-Herzegovina, but stopped short of calling for sanctions against Croatia.



retain Crimea FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

UKRAINE'S parliament yesterday issued a "hands off" warning to Russia's Supreme Soviet over the future of the strategically important Cri-

mean peninsula.

Russia's parliament last month declared the Crimea's transfer to Ukraine in the 1950's to be invalid, a move which gave a boost to the peninsula's pro-Russian separatist movement. In a tit-foriai parliamentary declaration. Ukraine pronounced the Russian parliament's motion to have no legal basis in the republic. Crimea was and would continue to be, an integral part of Ukraine and its status was not a matter for inter-state negotiations.

Although Ükrainian politicians have trodden a careful line between rejecting Russian advances to the Crimea and alienating its Russian speaking inhabitants, vesterday's decision is likely to exacerbase the growing ethnic problems in the peninsula between Russian political activists, their Ukrainian opponents and returning Crimean Tatars. Russia had, claimed Anatoli Zlenko, Ukraine's foreign minister, ignored every point of international law in its dealings on the Crimea.
"None of the decisions by the Russian parliament has any logical link to the United Nations charter, the Helsinki process or bilateral treaties

between Russia and the Ukraine," Mr Zlenko said. The Crimea, a highly mili-tarised area which is the headquarters of the Black Sea fleet, and dominated by its conservative ethnic Russian population, was presented by President Khrushchev to Ukraine in 1954 as a propaganda symbol representing the friendship between the two republics.

Since Ukraine's independence from the former Soviet Union, its separatist movement has in turn demanded independence from Ukraine and reunification with Russia under the guise of separate membership of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Black Sea warship raises nuclear fears

BY-ROBERT SEELY

UKRAINIAN fears of a nuclear accident were raised this week after the publication of claims that radiation was leaking into the Black Sea from a sunken Soviet warship containing nuclear warheads.

The newspaper Pravda Ukrainy (The Truth of Ukraine). showing three pictures of the anti-submarine warship Fearless capsizing, claimed that the vessel had sunk with a complement of nuclear

depth charges. Almost all the crew were lost in the accident, which took place in 1974. Details were only released with the article. Those sailors who managed to jump into the water before the ship sank. the newspaper reported, were drowned by the faulty design

of military lifejackets. Although the ship had almost certainly been carrying nuclear warheads, no attempt had been made to recover them from their resting place near the Crimean coastline. Under the headline

"Atomic Genie in Sebastopol Bay", the paper demanded answers from Ukraine's ministry of defence.

The incident highlights both the secrecy of the former Soviet military in dealing with environmental pollution and the lack of information available to the public. For Ukrainians, whose republic is the site of the Chernobyl nuclear power station, stories concerning civil or military nuclear accidents are particu-

larly sensitive.
Many incidents of environmental pollution have been unaccounted for and both Ukraine's defence and environmental ministries, which have the responsibility of accounting for accidents. have few details of them. Moscow: The foreign minis-

ters of Russia and Moldavia agreed yesterday on the need for a peaceful resolution of Moldavia's armed standoff between Slavs and ethnic Rumanians. However, it was unclear whether this would be respected by the military.

Peru plans autumn election

Lima: President Fujimori of Peru announced last night that elections for a constituent assembly will be held on October 18, marking a return to democracy after he dis-solved Congress and the judi-ciary on April 5 (Corinne Schmidt writes).

Máximo San Roman, whom the Congress named as "constitutional president". said that political dialogue to set electoral ground rules had to come before the elections.

Power surge

Moscow: Russia has confirmed a Komsomolskaya Pravda report that, for the first time since Chernobyl in 1986, it is to build more nuclear energy plants and increase the capacity of existing plants to compensate for a fall in oil production.

Hostages saved

Karachi: Paramilitary forces stormed bandit hideouts in southern Pakistan and rescued 32 bus passengers kid-napped from Dadu, in Sind, on Saturday. The passengers were found chained to trees in Adhari lorest, a lew miles from the town. (Reuter)

Ramos leads

Manila: Fidel Ramos, the former Philippines defence chief, claimed a narrow victory in the presidential elec-tion with 23.5 per cent of the vote, according to nearly complete returns. His opponents said there was evidence of ballot-rigging. (Reuter)

Gold repaid

Stockholm: The Swedish parliament voted to pay Estonia and Lithuania 275 million kronor (£26 million) in compensation for gold deposits handed over to the Soviet Union in 1940. The money will come from an Eastern Europe aid budget (Reuter)

Italy mulls island banishment for mafiosi

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Italian authorities, despairing of conventional law enforcement after the assassination of Giovanni Falcone. the anti-Malia judge, are discussing reverting to Mussolini-era tactics to combat organised crime. Il Duce's government banished many gang bosses to inaccessible islands and Rome is thinking

of following suit. Claudio Marielli, the jusrice minister, and Enzo Scotti, the interior minister. discussed details of the proposal on Monday. They hope that it would help to prevent crimes such as Signor Falcone's assasination last month, which was believed to have been masterminded inside Italy's overcrowded prisons, specifically the notorious

Ucciardone "high security" jail in Palermo.

"This is a project being studied." La Repubblica quoted Luigi Rossi, commander of the "Criminalpol" national police department. as saying. The practice of "confino"

(confinement) of criminals on desert islands was initiated by the Bourbon kings of Naples and used extensively by Cesare Mori, the "Iron Prefeet" appointed by Mussolini with extraordinary powers to fight the Maffa in the 1920s. Since the war Italian goverroments have been loath to

revive the practice. Banish-

ment it was feared, would

bring back memories of its

use by the Fascist regime

against political dissidents.

some of whom also were exiled to remote mainland areas as described by Carlo Levi in Christ Stopped at Eboli. About 1,000 people consid-

ered dangerous because of links to Mafia clans are restricted at present to "obligatory sojourn" in Northern Italy while awaiting trial. But with modern communications that has served only to arouse the opposition of many northerners led by the

Lombardy League party. Opposition to sending mafiosi to inhabited islands also proved insuperable after the war. In 1971, for example, islanders at Filicudi off Sicily blocked their picturesque port in protest and forced the police to take away a group of Mafia kingpins that they had tried to settle there. Red Brigades activists were incarcerated in Asinara off Sardinia in the 1970s. But last year. Signor Scotti reassured the mayor of the island of Lipari. near Sicily, that "tourist areas will not be obliged to play

host to mafiosi."

from Leghorn.

parently have drawn up a list of virtually uninhabited islands where underworld godfathers would be deprived of the cellular telephones and fax facilities they enjoy in some mainland jails because of complicity from sympa-thetic warders. Sites under study include Dino, off the scorching Calabrian coast Capraia, 15 miles from Corsica: and Gorgona. 20 miles



Mussolini: used exile for political dissidents

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formerly communist govern-ment in April. (Reuter)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Carey gives warning on failure

London: Dr George Cares the Archbishop of Canterbury, spoke yesterday of the "catastrophic cost" of failure at the Earth summit in Rio de Janeiro (Ruth Gledhill

Talk of a new world order was "void and meaningless" unless God was central to the goal, he said.

Dr Carey, who has a long record of interest in the environment, had hoped to raise the profile of population growth on the summit agenda. He appealed to the Roman Catholic Church to change its position on birth control a week before his private visit to the Pope last week. Dr Carey believes population growth is straining the Earth's resources.

Flight plan

environment fund. Atel Mohammad Mohammad Obeid, the cabinet affairs minister, said. (Reuter)

Japan pieased

"significant". (AFP)

Brussels: Canada has acoverfishing near its territorial waters but the European Commission denied this. However, the Commission told the fleets to pull out eatch quotas. (AFP)

Emir starts tour

Kenya and Brazil. (Reuter)

Britain and America attack Third World patents deal

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND DAVID WATTS

BRITAIN and the United States yesterday began to de-tail their objections to the South's demands for increased cash and access to Western patents in return for access to their natural

Whitehall's objections are centred on the loose wording of Article 21 of the draft treaty agreed in Nairobi.

We're worried about its open-endedness. We could go on pouring money into a bottomless pit," said a spokes-women for the environment department. As agreed in the preliminary negotiations. compensation for the degredation of the poorer countries' natural resources was to be on the basis of individual negotiations.

The American authorities are more concerned about the use by Southern countries of American trade marks without authorisation when marketing products such as drugs



The controversial first paragraph of Article 21 of the bio-diversity treaty that has alarmed America, Britain and other industrial countries reads in part. There shall be a mechanism for the provision of financial resources to developing country parties for purposes of this convention on a grant or concessional basis . . . For purposes of this convention, the conference of the parties shall determine the policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria relating to the access and utilisation of such resources. The contributions shall be such as to take into account the need for predictability, adequacy and timely flow of funds ... in accordance with the amount of resources needed to be decided periodically by the conference of the parties and the importance of burden-sharing among the contributing parties.

and medicines. Third World countries, it is said, registers famous brand names under local law without compensation and use them to sell inferior products. The British firm Yardley has found they have little or no recourse in such cases.

John Major wants to sign the Earth summit treaty on biodiversity, aiming to protect the range of animal and plant life across the globe, not least for their potential as suppliers of food and

But he has to overcome reservations from the Treasury and the Overseas Development Administration about what is conceded in government circles to be an imperfect draft treaty.

Britain's objection to the reaty, as agreed by more than 90 nations last week in Nairobi, is that it accepts the principle of states being responsible to one another for damage to one another's biodiversity. Technically this could lead to endless interThe bigger problem for Mr Major and for Michael Howard, the environment secretary, is that British neg-otiators failed to get the financial mechanisms they would have liked to see in the treaty. It appears to suggest that the level of funding deemed necessary to protect plant and animal species could be decided by a body dominated by the poorer nations of the world, with the developed nations forced to

sign a blank cheque.

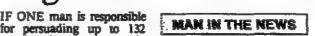
The Treasury is demanding watertight assurances that such a situation will not be allowed to come about. But the treaty text is now closed gening together the countries which made the original

The decisions on funding. according to a text which few people have yet seen, would be taken by a "conference of parties"; that is by representatives of the states which sign and ratify the agreement, likely to include a heavy majority of developing nations. But the environment department is now examining "get-out" stages including one which would the labyrinthine processes of United Nations negotiation. The "conference of parties" has to establish its rules of procedure, including the mechanism for spending money, by consensus, since they are not set out in the treaty text. In practice that will give Britain and the other richer nations with reservations an effective veto. If the conference of parties sets too small a majority for taking decisions, then Britain or another country could contin-

ue vetoing the rules of proce-dure until they were happy with the formula set. A third possible line of defence is the production by an inter-governmental committee of a declaration on financial principles to be attached to the treaty, which could

whales, rainforests, and ultimately the planet. He is a cheerful businessman and a millionaire. nism undented by President Bush's decision not to sign the summit's world wildlife treaty, the convention on biodiversity, which Britain and other countries may follow. He insists with disconcerting amiability that the world will simply go over the cliff if it does not change its path. He lists many countries that have shown that a sharp change of course is possible. He insists, too, that the industrialised nations have to

> tries with new aid to enable them to change to an environmentally friendly course, and



World on his shoulders: Maurice Strong, the millionaire mastermind of the summit

Railwayman's son signals

The fact that the Earth summit is happening at all is mainly down to one man, Michael McCarthy writes

world leaders to travel to Rio

de Janeiro in Brazil for the

Earth summit, it is Maurice

Strong, secretary-general of the United Nations Confer-

ence on Environment and

He has largely inspired the

summit agenda and he bears

heavy responsibility for rais-

ing ecologists' hopes of a suc-

cessful conclusion. Heroic

terms come naturally in try-

ing to describe his enterprise,

yet Mr Strong, 63, is not built

in the heroic mould. He is

short and stout, with a small

moustache. Pudgy would

describe him. Still less does

his professional calling fit the

image we carry of the envi-

ronmental crusader saving

Mr Strong displays an opti-

provide the developing coun-

suggests that \$5-\$10 billion (£2.7-£5.5 billion) a year would be "a credible beginning".

Mr Strong has been mixing business and concern for the environment for more than 25 years. Little known to the public, he is a solidly rich self-made man from humble beginnings, the son of an unemployed railway worker from rural Manitoba. He made a fortune in the oil business and broadened his course when he was asked to run Canada's foreign aid

He broke into global green politics when appointed secretary-general of the UN's first environmental conference at Stockholm in 1972. which put the environment on the international political agenda. Subsequently, for three years he was the first director of the UN environment programme, and in the mid-1980s co-ordinated the UN's famine relief efforts in

programme.

In between, he continued picking up directorships, in-cluding the chairmanship of

greener lines for growth oil company. He sees no clash between his business and environmental interests: quite the opposite, for the core of the thesis he is propounding and that he wishes world leaders to endorse is that economics and the environment must be integrated. "Some people wonder how I can be a businessman and an environmentalist," he says. "But if I am preaching the integration of the environment and the economy, does it not make sense for me to

integrate them in my own Mr Strong is held to have made a real success of the Stockholm conference by bringing in the developing countries, which until then were suspicious of environmental concern as a possible brake on their growth. But his aim in Rio de Janeiro is infinitely more ambitious: to get every country to switch its economy on to an environ-

mentally friendly path. He insists, however, that if the poor developing countries are to change, the industrialised nations of the north must provide them with new aid.

Does he believe that success is possible at Rio? "I believe that success is possible; I think it is probable, but success is not inevitable." he says. adding that President Bush's decision not to sign the biodiversity treaty has not made him lose hope. He says: "I hope that they will take a second look at it."

The archbishop, in Geneva, called on the countries taking part to resist defeatism and to oppose critics who say the competing interests of de-veloped and developing coun-tries cannot be harmonised "It is a crucial meeting for human co-operation on the future of God's creation'

Cairo: Egypt will propose at the Earth summit a tax of \$1 on every passenger taking an international flight, the money to go into an international

Tokyo: The Japanese foreign ministry welcomed the forest conservation programme announced by President Bush and said that Japan would study possible ways of responding to the American initiative, which it called

EC accused

cused EC lishing fleets of having achieved their 1992

Kowait: The emir of Kuwait. Sheikh Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah, flew to Mexico for a Latin American tour before attending the Earth summit. Kuwait suffered severe environmental damage during the Gulf war prompted by the

£288m pledged

Geneva: The United Nations said that it had received promises of £285 million towards an appeal to prevent millions of people starving in Southern Africa. America. the European Community. Japan and Scandinavia were the main donors. (AP)

Pele hopeful

Rio de Janeiro: Pele, whose football skills propelled him from poverty to riches, told slum children that the Earth summit will lead to a better world. He was speaking to soccer tournament teams made up of children from

North and South bicker over value of wildlife

FROM MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT, IN RIO DE JANEURO

the industrialised nations and the Third World is threatening to undo the convention on biological diversity, the Earth summit treaty on conserving the world's wildlife, on which Britain may agree with America in refusing to sign.

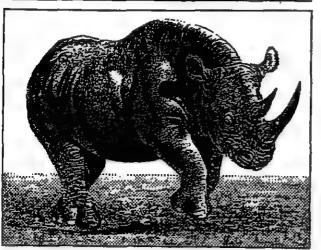
It is the North-South split many had feared. Running through the summit's preparatory process has been a vein of acrimony between the developed countries of the North, such as the United States and Britain, and the developing countries of the South, such as India and Malaysia, over responsibility for the future of the environment - and money. Put crudely, the North, the original polluter, wants the South to co-operate in saving the planet by growing economically in a cleaner way than it

The South sees this as a morally justified opportunity to demand large sums of aid, which, however, will not be forthcoming, not least because of the recession affecting the richer countries.

The North-South gap has been narrowed in one of the summit's two central agreements, the convention on dimate change, which President Bush and John Major are prepared to sign, but has widened over the biodiversity convention, which is directed at avoiding the extinction of certain plant and animal

The Cambridge-based World Conservation Monitoring Centre estimates that between 2 per cent and 8 per cent of the world's species are becoming extinct every year. depending on the rate of deforestation. The convention also aims to prevent the extinction of species such as the black rhinoceros in Africa and Spix's macaw, a beautiful rainforest parrot. It would





Black rhino: the biodiversity treaty could save it

commit all signatories to establishing strategies for con-serving all their wildlife and to setting up global networks

Under both summit conventions the Northern countries accept that the Southern countries will need extra aid for specific projects that benefit the world. But the aid is to be tightly controlled by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) of the World Bank, which has just been created with a fund of \$1.4 billion (£770 million).

The poorer nations are suspicious of the World Bank, which they regard as a rich countries' institution, and have been demanding a new green fund, which they would control and to which the richer countries would contribute. That has been refused. and when talks on the climate change convention were successfully concluded they accepted the GEF as the treaty's funding mechanism, at least on an interim basis.

The GEF was also accepted with regard to the biodiversity treaty. However, a compro-

mise text was put forward by the director of the United Nations, Environment Programme, Mostafa Tolba, in which the wording was significantly different, with the poorer countries having a majority say on how much donors should contribute. America saw this as signing a

egally binding blank cheque. There is also a sharp difference of views over the world's wildlife and its value. Countries such as Britain sees animals and plants as having an intrinsic value which should be preserved. Developing countries see them as valuable resources. The second view has prevailed in the treaty negotiations, producing an accord concerned mainly with genetic engineering and

The conservation commitments have been much watered down and there will no longer be lists of globally accepted threatened animals, plants and habitats.

Yet without such lists, many environmentalists and scientists believe, there is nothing to measure conservation progress against.

come to have legal force. It is being emphasised in the the environment department that Britain's spirit is one of "trying to remove ob-

stacles rather than hiding behind them". But there is some sympathy in other quarters for wider-ranging American objections. Developing countries, whose rare indigenous species, plants or fungi may hold the secret of vital breakthroughs in medical and other fields, want to enshrine through the treaty their right to a share in the profits of developing them, perhaps even when the resultant drugs are later synthesised. The US is objecting also therefore on the grounds of intellectual property rights and industrial patents to other provisions in

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Ravaged republics fear costly curbs

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

THE republics of the former Soviet Union, ravaged by many of the world's worst nuclear, ecological and environmental catastrophes, will give strong support to the Earth summit in Rio de Janeiro, but have virtually no money to implement any of

Russia and Ukraine told the European Community in April that they cannot make any binding commitment to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide because of the cost of modernising their antiquated industry. They will also have difficulty phasing out chemical pollution and are wary of other commitments which would impose new costs on struggling industries. The former Soviet Union

and Eastern Europe together produce a quarter of the worldwide emissions of car-Union signed the Montreal protocol to cut the use and production of chlorofluorohave been unable to honour it. Russia and Ukraine now say they cannot afford any commitment to reduce the build-up of gases causing the Public opinion strongly fa-

vours international controls

VIEW FROM RUSSIA

unemployment rising and industrial output falling, most republics cannot enforce ambitious plans to clean up their

Some of the most environmentally damaging plans have been dropped and curbs have been placed on certain high-visiblility pollutants, such as the paper mills on the shores of Lake Baikal, the world's largest freshwater lake. But the ecological balance of Siberia is still being destroyed by oil production and destruction of the taiga In the Tyumen region, oil spills have polluted huge areas, and one-third of all joints

on pipelines are leaking oil.
The Aral Sea is continuing to shrink because too much water is siphoned off for cotton production from the rivers flowing into it. Many rivers and lakes are almost dead because of chemical and

oil pollution.
At Rio, the priority of Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, will be to avoid binding Moscow to unachievable goals and to seek help from Western nations for the clean-up his country needs.

RIO DE JANEIRO NOTEBOOK by Gabriella Gamini Warrior embarks on paper chase

Captain Joan Guitart sailed his ship into Rio de Janeiro on Monday evening to add yet another dimension to the environment conference. Rainbow Warrior, a 40 ft sailing ship, docked in Rio as a sign of protest against Bra-zilian companies consid-

ing as advisers to Earth summit leaders. Rainbow Warrior sailed for two days along the coast of Brazil to reach Rio marina at one of the city's main beaches in Flamingo after docking at a port in north-ern Brazil to blockade the paper pulp shipments from a factory in the city of Vito-ria. "We blockaded shipments coming from the Aracruz paper mill because they have put huge eucalyp-tus plantations over a rain forest and totally destroyed the lives of indigenous tribes living there," said

ered polluters which.

Greenpeace claim, are act-

Andrea Figari, one of the 22 crew members. Summit organisers fear that Rainbow Warrior may take blockading action around Rio de Janeiro, to protest against petroleum companies and factories which release chemicals and raw sewage directly into the sea off the city.



Captain Guitart and his crew say that they are not certain what kind of action they will take, during their stay în Rio de Janeiro.

Meanwhile, world leaders from more than 125 countries will start arriving tional airport, to find Brazilian army soldiers in ranks and battle fatigues lining the motorway leading into the city.

M ore than 15.000 soldiers have been deployed to maintain security in the city.

Troops surround Rio de aneiro's notorious favelas, or slums, where more than a third of the city's popula-tion live. They fear crime against visitors from the sium dwellers who inhabit cardboard and corrugated iron shacks built on the city. "Our orders are to stop

people coming out of the favelas into areas where environmental visitors are staying. We have to hide this side of Brazil, it's not a nice thing for outsiders to see," said a soldier standing below a slum overlook-ing Copacabana beach. But it will be difficult for

Rio de Janeiro to hide the makeshift dwellings of the thousands who have built cardboard homes under motorways or on the Dozens of helicopters fly

on patrol along the city's beaches every morning, in an effort to combat the high rate of crime for which Rio de Janeiro is known. "Be careful, do not wear your watch or the press badge, people are getting attacked for those things," said the hotel concièrge one morn-

The main conference

miles outside the city, is also surrounded by tanks and armoured trucks. Soldiers patrol the hills and the tropical vegetation around the building. In-side, delegations from different nations taking part in the Earth summit argue various procedural prob-lems before the heads of state arrive. So far they have been unable to agree how much time will be allocated to each head of state to make his or her speech. "We spent the past days arguing about who will be able to say more." said one Western delegate.

Some delegates were told to stand in hour-long queues outside the Earth summit centre's meeting hall because identification cards were not ready. The only thing that app-

ears to be ready and waiting is the huge round table at which the world leaders will sit to decide on future environmental issues. That is, if they ever manage to endure the traffic-clogged trip of one and a half hours from the hotels on Copacabana and Ipanema beaches to the Riocentro building — and got past all the levels of security in time.

Peking puts onus for clean-up on West

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

THE burgeoning economic growth of the past decade has spread smokestacks across China's rural plains and chemical waste outlets along the banks of its rivers.

China is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases among the developing countries. Worldwide, it has been estimated to be the third or fourth largest offender. Despite China's consider-

able pollution problems, Li Peng. the prime minister, has only been persuaded to go to Rio in the past few days. First, he had to be assured that he will not have to be in the same Tibet's exiled spiritual leader. who will attend only the nongovernmental meeting.

Mr Li is being officially

described as an environmentalist. In Rio de Janeiro, he will give qualified support for unified action on the environment. He is expected to give a warning, however, that China will not cut back its economic growth, and that the West should expect to bear the brunt of the cost of clean-

ing up the developing world.

The daughter of Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, Deng Nan, deputy minister of science, technology and the environment, has VIEW FROM

woman in the run-up to the Earth summit. Last month she admitted: "The country's overall ecological and environmental situation continues to deteriorate. Some 75 per cent of Chi-

become an unofficial spokes

na's energy comes from coal. New hydroelectric and nuclear power plants are being built, but there are plans to mine and burn even more coal, which will remain the predominant source of energy into the next century. In 1990, factories emitted

about 15 million tonnes of sulphur dioxide and 21 million tonnes of industrial dust. about 35.4 billion tonnes of waste water poured into rivers, lakes and ports, and some 580 million tonnes of industrial solid waste was dumped.

in a statement published last Saturday. Ou Geping-the director of China's state administration of the environment, said that develo ing countries needed \$600 billion (£330 billion) to limit environmental damage. He added that the developed nations should pay at least 20 per cent of this.

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Last summer, the Chairmen of the big four English clearing banks were summoned before the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

This move followed a spate of bad publicity surrounding the treatment of the banks' business customers.

Following these discussions the Chancellor recommended that codes of conduct between banks and their business customers should be initiated. To varying degrees the business charters introduced by the other major clearing banks complied with the minimum standards outlined by the Chancellor.

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THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

What price an empty honour?

This week's list will show the urgency

of reform, argues Bryan Appleyard

n rapid succession we are about to be assaulted by two honours lists, the first celebrating John Major's parliamentary dissolution, the second the Queen's birthday. As usual, both lists will be arbitrary, bizarre, corrupt, absurd and grossly unfair. Yet the small print of the lists of names will still exert a hypnotic fascination on the nation and, on the recipients, a small glow of irrational, irrepressible pride.

This time the lists will be headed by a smug roster of old parliamentary warhorses - Howe, Lawson, Parkinson, Ridley, Tebbit. Walker and probably Healey. David Owen is likely to sneak into the Lords on the back of a small wave of cross-party generosity. and Margaret Thatcher is said to have compromised with a life peerage instead of an earldom. I would guess also that Jeffrey Archer will finally achieve official

recognition, in spite of his novels. As for the rest, well, there will be the usual grey list of civil servants queuing up for gongs like cus-tomers at McDonald's. There will be a sprinkling of sportsmen, a bit

of showbiz and the usual scattering of 'There will be salt-of-the-earth types to give a crunchy social mix. the usual grey Government office list this doormen are particularly fatime of civil voured for this category, being 100 times more servants likely to be honoured than queuing up for school caretakers. gongs like Rational defence of this directory is impossible. Or-ders, said Bis-marck, are served customers at McDonald's' for, earned, slaved for or dined for. In

might have added, they are also crawled for and done nothing for. Like royalty and the House of Lords, the honours system is replete with the imagery and fantasy of another age. Medals and titles, we are supposed to believe, relate to the hierarchy of an empire and are decked out with the symbolism of national identity and greatness. And, like royalty and the House of Lords, they inspire the intense rage of consti_{it}; tutional reformers, egalitarians and radicals from the hard left to the meritocrats of the new right.

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Yet still, like the Queen, they endure with a kind of unflappable acceptance of the unreason of it all. The honours lists have even managed to incorporate a few daft gestures towards the "modern" world. After the Beatles were given MBEs in 1965 it became routine to expect a few, condescending awards to be tossed into the

swamp of pop culture. On the face of it this was just the kind of institutional morass that Mrs Thatcher might have been expected to handbag. But she scattered knighthoods among Tory backbenchers like confetti and was widely accused of dispensing peerages to the big industrial backers of the Conservative party. In fact, she did not give awards to a large number of benefactors. Nevertheless, the popular wisdom of the 1980s was that gongs could be bought from politicians. Predictably, therefore, there is

said to be widespread disillusionment with the whole system. A survey in 1990 suggested that only 7 per cent of the population favoured awards to civil servants and politicians though, signifi-cantly, about 60 per cent sup-ported awards to charity and voluntary workers and "ordinary" people. John Major is a champion of classlessness and has appointed that amiable fireman William Waldegrave to clean up the class taint of an award system that gives one kind of medal for officers and one for other ranks. What he is not doing is making threatening moves towards the system as a whole. Evidently he supports the idea of an Establishment, implicit in the idea of an honours list, but one in which a private can be as brave as a colonel, a doorman as

dedicated as a novelist. Such tinkerings will do nothing to soothe the anger of the reformers, who see the honours list as one more prop of a deferential society. Those who do acknowledge the possible virtue of official state recognition have called for an ideal of "citizenship" to be embod-

ied in the awards. Two years ago an all-party com-mission recommended an over-haul of the list to give more weight to voluntary and charitable work that came under the heading of good citizenship. pathise. The honours are obviously discredited by awards to people who just did the right job. Merely earning your sal

linked pension cannot, of itself, be virtuous. Doing something additional and unrewarded can. The ideal of citizenship is an attempt to define a secular and post-imperial con-cept of virtue. It implies that we can all agree, or be educated to agree, that disinterested goodness is universally recognisable.

The problem is that the bewildering piuralism of our society makes any such consensus inconceivable. The rows and disgust promoted by a chizenship honours list would be as intense as those arising from the present secretive muddle. Every minority and special interest group would be screaming for recognition.

Any honours list will be contentious failure. There is simply no collective national wisdom that would arrive at the names for which this Britain will be known and remembered. Evelyn Waugh, untitled, still embodies more of Britain than the collective of outgoing political barons wite -- Il be elevated this week.

Yet abolition is too neat, clean, too rational. We would miss the list, we would even miss our anger at those not included. Certainly it should be deaned up, and also greatly shortened to give the awards more meaning. But, for the moment, it remains what the historian Norman Stone calls "a supportable outrage", something worth having because it tries to mean something, however bizarre, corrupt and arbitrary.

Philip Howard welcomes the television viewers of Russia to the cosy world of soap opera

fter McDonald's hamburg-ers, funk-fusion and careful-ly faded Levis, the Russians are about to receive the ultimate cachet that they have arrived in the global village of consumerism: their own soap opera. It is called The Smirnovs, and is being filmed in Vienna and Moscow, to be screened on Russian television later this summer.

Like all good soaps, it offers romance, passion, cosy suspense, and a banal vision of heaven. Being Russian, it is also didactic. The series consists of 20 two-part episodes each 45 minutes long, the first being the soap played by actors, the second a commentary by real-life pundits on the lessons on the market economy that can be learnt from the first half. The world's newest television family, the Smirnovs, are discovering the brave new world of capitalism.

The telephone shrills in the Moscow apartment. Father Sergei Smirnov answers and shouts to the family excitedly: "It's Katja, calling from Vienna. She says Pyotr is in a department store.

Meet the Smirnovs

stuck in an elevator 20 metres above the ground." "Oh heavens", screams Granny Smirnov. Katja," says Father Smirnov, with emphasis. "someone must climb up there at once and bring the boy down." Not to worry, says Karja. This is the West. Someone will be along shortly.

Daughter Katja is studying economics at Vienna University. Her brother Pyotr is a long-distance lorry driver. Their adventures in Vienna are about to bring the pleasures and perils and lessons of the capitalist world into the living rooms of millions of Russians. The production is a joint one by the Moscow Institute for the World Economy and Ecovision, a Viennese maker of economic didactic films. Russian television has joined them. The Austrian government has contributed about half of the \$2 million budget.

The soap opera has become the brief and abstract chronicle of our time. It catches the spirit of its age. whether it is Madge and Harold with their coffee shop in Erinsborough, that ghastly suburb of Melbourne, and the feverish sexual turmoil that bubbles around it, or The Archers and EastEnders tackling supposedly daring topics such as illegitimacy. drugs and racial tension. The soap has become our common language, our shared anxiety. It is the only art form that crosses all boundaries of class and race, in the way that the main women's magazines used to and before that

the early wireless. The Smirnovs is going to aim at the zeitgeist of post-communist Russia. Gerhard Friedrich, the managing director of Ecovision, told The Wall Street Journal: "Many Russians think that now

communism is giving way to capitalism the wonderful paradise is at hand. We want to show how to organise that paradise. And where the limits of paradise are. At first we had the concept that the Smirnovs would become rich. But we decided viewers would think the market economy means only to be wealthy. What it means is the

chance to be wealthy."

The series sounds a bit heavy compared with the systematic triviality of Western soaps. It begins, for instance, with the Smirnovs at an ice-hockey match. with a narrator comparing the activity on ice with the rough and tumble of capitalism. Mr Friedrich explains: "The risk of being an entrepreneur is similar to the risk of an ice-hockey player skating through the defences. You get the idea?" You bet.

In one episode. Katja meets a soapy window on the world.

friendly corporate lawyer who explains to her the many ways of setting up a business, and then tries to seduce her. He does not succeed, of course. That would not be kulturny. That sort of thing may do for Dirty Den. but Mos-

cow is not yet ready for it.

As for Pyotr stuck in his lift, he is not left dangling there, as he would be, no doubt, in Moscow, After the narrator has explained the function of yellow pages in a telephone directory, "there are 13 pages of firms which install windows" an emergency repair com-pany is called to get him down.

In the last episode. Pyotr comes back to Moscow with a tent. and encourages father, mother and grandma to come on a camping holiday to Vienna. As a rehearsal. they pitch the tent in their living room. Will the Smirnovs make it to Vienna? Will Katja get her degree and make a go of business? Will Pyotr get his own fleet of juggernauts? Stay tuned to Moscow television. The Russians are about to join the rest of us at our

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Look back in treachery

The East has reopened a dangerous

chapter of history, says Roger Boyes

parachuted into Czechoslovakia and murdered Reinhard Heydrich, one of the most brutal of Hitler's SS officers. It was a spectacular and desperate act: Heydrich had to be assassinated because he was breaking an already weak resistance movement. Revenge came fast. Hours after the attack whole families were being executed and an entire village, Lidice, was destroyed.

Nothing illustrates better the cost of resistance against tyranny than this murder and its aftermath. It also helps to explain the ary and indexbackground to wartime collaboration in Eastern Europe. When hundreds of innocents were slaughtered for one act of rebellion, even passive resistance seemed reckless. And East Europe is now discovering the distance between non-resistance and collaboration is not large. This moral marshiand, out of bounds for five decades, has been thrown open to the public. Central European states are nervously excavating their communist police files, the latest being Poland, which will ver all collaborators for the period 1945 to 1990.

The question of Nazi collaboration has become cerily relevant. Is wartime collaboration a useful precedent for judging the communist experience? Can collaboration ever be justified? Was it reasonable to work with Nazis for the "higher good" of independent statehood?

It is easy to forget that Hitler's early wars of conquest were seen as a liberation by many of the peoples of Eastern Europe. After the destruction of Yugoslavia in 1941, Ante Pavlovic and his Ustasha organisation took over the running of an independent Croatian state that, apart from Croatia, Slavonia and almost all of Dalmatia, also took in Bosnia and Herzegovina — 6.5 million inhabitants, of whom only about 3.4

million were Croats. The Ustasha state, modelled on Italian Fascism and the Nazi order, was one of Hitler's most trusted Balkan outposts. There were dreadful atrocities. For many

ifty years ago this week two Croats, however, it remains a British-trained agents golden era, and though Zagreb golden era, and though Zagreb historians concede some Ustasha crimes, the territorial sweep of that state shapes the dreams of today's radical nationalists.

By the same token. Slovaks pressing for separation from the Czechs regard Father Josef Tiso's independent wartime state as a useful model. Tiso's Slovakia was entirely beholden to Hitler. Apologists say Tiso learnt late of Jewish deportations and did his best to stop them. And what about the Czechs, they add; did they not collaborate with the Nazis? Indeed, some did.

The Baltic states welcomed the German attack on the Soviet Union. Lithuanians suspected of war crimes still argue that they were not so much pro-Hitler as anti-communist patriots, that working with the Germans was the only sure way to independence.

The difficulty history leaves is that for some states the only modern experience of independent statehood was in the Fascist era. When the communists took over they carried out their denazification with such clumsy selectivity that the process was discredited. The result is that Fascism retains a latent appeal in the East. If there had been a thorough exorcism, the political outlook in Eastern Europe today

might be better. But the communists were more than willing to take over Nazi organisational structures and buildings, German police files and informers. The East Germans, as the Nazihunter Simon Wiesenthal points out, rounded up some Nazis but left others in place, allowing them to rise in the communist hierarchy. The Hungarians deliberately

left alone many Fascists from working-class or peasant backgrounds and targeted the conservatives of the prime minister Miklos Kallay, whose war record was unblemished. The political aim of denazification and warcrimes investigations was to wipe out rivals. The supporters of Fascism were also needed to swell the thin ranks of the post-war Communist parties. By signing a



Heydrich: the SS officer whose murder is a symbol for an uneasy past

simple statement, the so-called "small" Fascists of Hungary could switch allegiance to the communists. Nazi collaborators became communist collaborators.

Nevertheless, present-day communist collaborators have to be judged on a different basis. The Czechoslovaks and the east Germans have been leading the way in witch-hunting. Prague is far more zealous in tracking down communist informers than it ever was in

searching for Nazi sympathisers. Police agents are to be banned from holding state office for at least five years. This may seem a litting revenge by those intellectuals and rebels once condemned to be window cleaners for their political beliefs, but it is vendetta, not justice. Collaboration with the Stalinist secret police was to share the guilt of that period. But by the 1980s most East European secret-

Does any of this add up to collaboration? Is it comparable to helping the Nazis? There are no moral absolutes in this matter; collaboration is a matter of degree and motive. East Europe should ease dividing the tired, strained societ-

By the 1980s the communist secret police was powerful but only in certain areas: it could, for example, block the issuing of a passport. Thus in order to travel abroad, a Pole or a Czech would some times have to agree to a talk with a secret-police officer. The conversation rarely produced anything apart from a new file, a slight uneasiness and a bonus for the officer. Students returning from the West were occasionally called in for questioning, but only in the osity as M15 officers sometimes quizzed British iournalists returning from Eastern Europe,

into collaborators and victims.



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Thile I should not wish to be the horseshoe nail that breaks the back of the camel about to be designed by the Rio committee, I have to say that, yesterday, John Major and I were at one. When, in a characteristically iridescent burst of oratory, the PM roared: "I am very keen for us to make progress generally at the Rio summit, but I have been warning for some time that some of the expectations for the summit are higher than those that can be realistically achieved," I punched the air

The man knew. He might have been sitting beside me, on the pile of Rake-and-Roll sacks in the yard of Erith Building Sup-plies, so uncannily had he articulated the seething thoughts that had taken me into the yard from the warehouse behind it, to sit reading The Times until my brain was ready to go back in and re-address the small matter of saving the Earth. Do you, by the way, know about Rake-and-Roll? It is DIY road. It is a pre-mixed compound of chippings and tar that ratbags use when they wish to lay off-street parking, after they have ripped out their gardens: at £6.69 per 25kg sack, the dedicated environmentophobe can wipe out an entire suburban eco-system for a couple of hundred quid. It is very popular in Cricklewood: yesterday, I had to keep getting up so that the fork-lift truck could bite into the pile. I would have lain down in front of it, but the truck-driver was built like a truck-driver, and

much as one cares about newt and fritillary, there is a time when the man of bonour says what the hell, it's only Rake-and-Roll. So I just trudged back inside, to try to work out, once again, how to caulk.

It is some weeks now since I began my search for a rain-butt. As you know, very little water has flowed under the bridge since then, and my agitation about conserving such little as falls has grown daily more intense. For no man is an island, we are all global kin, and we cannot ask an Amazonian pau-per to hang up his axe if we are not going to do our own bit

But try to get a barrel. Oh. umpteen catchpenny oppor-tunists will sell you a green plastic one, look a treat standing on your Rake-and-Roll, tub of vinyl azaleas either side, but the whole purpose of the enterprise is defeated if all you're doing is encouraging the extrusion in-dustry. What I wanted was an old wooden barrel, so I grabbed the Yellow Pages, but there was just one entry under Drums, Kegs, Barrels & Casks, and when I phoned London Drums, he said get off, we don't do wood, we do metal, phone a brewery, so I phoned Ind-Coope, and Watney's, and Guinness. and they all cried Wood? these days, Wood? so then I phoned garden centres, and some said do you mean a tub, we do wooden tubs, they're old barrels cut in half, very nice, very rustic, and I said can I get one before it's cut in half, and they said no.

what about a green plastic one so I wondered about getting the other phone book and going through all the Coopers, never know your luck, but there were thousands, and I was just on the point of chucking in the towel when a neighbour said there were old barrels on Cricklewood allotments which didn't belong to anyone, and within half an hour one belonged to me, and i drove it home with the boot-lid banging on it, and rolled it into the garden, and my wife said, er, are you supposed to be able to see light between the staves? Come on, I said, it only needs caulking. I don't believe I had used the word before. It felt good just saying it.

They had never used the word at Erith Building Supplies, either, but they got the gist. They pointed me at the roofing aisle. There was Aquaseal 88 mastic to be laid to a thickness of 1.5mm after you had primed with Aquaseal 44, there was Ruberoid liquid rubber for highperformance, there was Syntha-prufe 7 for all-weather proofing, there was Fermafix lan cement for that stubborn job, there was Eponite D4 epoxy tar-coating for use in aggressive conditions", there was...
I applied a couple of these last

evening, and at first light I could see it through the barrel. So I shall be back at Erith this afternoon. You have to, if you want to save the Earth. Especially if some of your expectations are higher than those that can be realistically

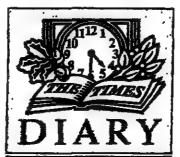
Kinnock drops out

IN WHAT some will inevitably interpret as a snub, Neil Kinnock has decided not to be present at the moment when the party leadership passes to his successor, who will almost certainly be John Smith. To the astonishment of some parliamentary colleagues, Kinnock has also refused an invitation to deliver the opening address at the leadership conference, at London's Royal Horticultural Hall on July 18.

Party managers had expected Kinnock to pose for the cameras with the new leader in his moment of victory. Instead, Kinnock has chosen to attend a ceremony at the University of Wales in Cardiff, where he will be presented with an honorary doctorate of law. The university says Kinnock will attend lunch with the Prince of Wales afterwards, which should rule out welcoming the new leader, whom Walworth Road says will be in place by 2.30pm. By the time Kinnock returns to London the conference will have moved on to

the election of the deputy leader. Kinnock's decision, revealed to colleagues at a meeting of the party's national executive com-mittee, will fuel reports that he thinks John Smith's high taxation policies cost him his chance of becoming prime minister. The retiring leader had already let it be known that he did not intend to vote in the contest, but few suspected that he would absent him-

self on his last day as leader. Janet Jones, assistant registrar at Cardiff, says: "It has long been fixed and we are looking forward to him coming. We would have been very disappointed if he had pulled out." There is, it seems, no chance of that, as Glenys Kinnock this week made clear in her first



interview since the election. "I'm looking forward to July 18," she said with obvious relief. "By chance we'll be in Cardiff that day. It will be a very happy day for us."

Nadine Gordimer flew into London briefly this week to reveal for the first time what she is doing with the £570,000 Nobel prize money she won last year. She is using at least part of the handsome sum to encourage African writing in languages such as Zulu and Tswana. "We already have an anthology of short stories being translated into two languages. and we have just put advertisements in the press calling for examples from everywhere of popular literature in different African languages," she says.

Absent at Epsom

ONE of Lester Piggott's closest friends, the man who claimed to be his biggest fan, will be absent from Epsom today as the 56-year-old jockey seeks his tenth Derby win. Yesterday Piggott attended the funeral of Charles St George. the racehorse owner and Lloyd's underwriter, at Farm Street Church in Mayfair. St George provided Piggott with his first ride on the jockey's comeback in 1990. The St George estate does not have a horse running in today's big race

and Piggott rides Robert Sangster's Rodrigo De Triano. The racing calendar will be less colourful for St George's absence.

police forces had become bloated

War-Plath

A NEW chapter in the controversy surrounding Ted Hughes and his late wife. Sylvia Plath, has been opened with the sale of a first edition of Plath's Colossus poems. personally inscribed and left to the poet laureate.

The Sylvia Plath Society says it fears the volume is the first of a tranche of Plath's books and papers Hughes might sell. Eliza-beth Sigmund, president of the society, says: "I think it is amazing that he is selling this book, which should go to the family. If he does not want it he should give it to the children. Frieda and Nicholas, or to one of Britain's libraries."

The next volume to reach the market would be Plath's annotated version of T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets, she predicted. The bookseller Richard Gekoski confirms the sale of Colossus to an anonymous American buyer but refuses to discuss price or seller. Yesterday, at their Devonshire

farmhouse, Ted and Carol Hughes expressed annovance at the allegations, which they felt bore no resemblance to the facts. "This volume of Colossus was owned by one of Sylvia Plath's and Ted Hughes's children." they said in a joint statement. "Four Quar-tets is not for sale." Coincidentally Hughes's next book, A Dancer to God, is a homage to Elion

Pale and drawn

THERE was just one absentee from the Royal Academy's annual summer exhibition dinner on Monday night. Sir Roger de Grey, the RA's president, was in bed with flu, and is likely to stay there for the rest of the week, missing the opening of the RA's most

important event of the year. A frustrated de Grey had spent hours preparing his speech before being struck down. "I'm being sensible for now but I don't know how long that will last," he said



yesterday from his sickbed. Indeed he is already contemplating following the example of Dame Elizabeth Frink, whose monumental bronze War Horse dominates the exhibition. Frink produced the horse at intervals during convalescence from a recent illness. "I couldn't manage a whole horse," says de Grey, "But perhaps a small rabbit . . ."

· Contrasting fortunes for expelled former left-wing MPs. While Ron Brown signed on for the dole on Monday, his former colleague Dave Nellist vesterday started a new career, as a legal adviser with the Coventry solicitors Robert Zara 8 Co. The proletarian Nellist was famous at Westminster for taking only the wage of the average skilled worker. "I doubt there is much difserence between what he earned then and what he carns now," says his new employer.

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up on its witch-hunts. There must be sensible vetting for ministers or high officials in sensitive posts. But it is difficult to imagine anything quite as destructive as les of the post-communist world

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BIODEGRADABLE TREATY

Britain should sign a "bio-diversity" convention; preferably a version of the one under dehate at Rio this month. But it cannot sign the "unsignable" convention at present proposed. That such a faulty document could ever have reached Rio is a measure of the carelessness with which diplomats have long treated this important subject.

The world has scarcely begun to tap the resources of the tropical rainforests, wetlands, coral reefs and other wild habitats. Of the millions of plants and animals they are thought to contain, a mere 1.4 million have been listed. This is the Earth's genetic insurance policy, potentially a source of unknown foods and medicines. Over half these species are found in tropical moist forests, whose preservation is important for climatic stability. So fast are they being destroyed that up to 7 per cent of the Earth's biological diversity could disappear within 25 years.

The case for preserving this diversity by means of one of the two binding agreements offered for signature at the Rio conference is thus overwhelming. The great mass of biological wealth is found in poor countries, most with rapidly growing land-hungry populations. The chief commercial value poor countries now extract from these habitats is by destroying them for timber and grazing. Commercial development of "genetic resources" mostly takes place in the industrialised world. Unless poor countries are compensated for conserving these resources they will, they say, have to put shortnin before long-run development. Hence conservation and its immediate costs must be a shared world responsibility.

However strong the case for a bio-diversity convention, the actual text on the table at Rio is such a botched piece of drafting that Britain's doubts about signing, and America's refusal to do so, are well founded. The convention is sketchy on species and habitat protection but long on aid. A vocal minority of Third World governments see any monitoring as neo-imperialism. Bluntly, they want money with no strings. They wish to retain control over the exploitation of genetic resources. A sensible principle that poor countries should be rewarded for protecting species has been turned into a binding obligation on the West to provide a grandiose, multi-course, free lunch.

Under the convention, the developed

countries will be legally obliged to pay developing countries for the full costs of conservation, to share with them the profits of genetic research and development, and to transfer bio-technology to countries providing genetic resources, "including technology protected by patents and other intellectual property rights". This explicitly drives a coach and horses through existing international patent law. No more effective disincentive to gene-splicing and other forms of bio-research could have been devised.

In addition, developed countries could be obliged to contribute whatever sum the majority of signatories - which will be Third World countries - decide is needed to meet the aims of the convention. They will have no veto. Nor will the piper call the tune when the money thus extracted is spent. Decisions on conservation strategies and priorities, on who gets this money and how it is used would also be taken by "democratic" means.

Article 39 concedes that these funds would be managed by the World Bank's Global Environment Fund (GEF), in which donors now have the decisive voice. But this is no concession since it also stipulates that the GEF rules be "restructured" to make all its decisions conform with the bio-diversity convention's majoritarian procedures. The GEF would rapidly become unworkable, an outcome which affects not only this convention but the other Rio convention on climate change, funds for which are also to be channelled through the GEF. This docu-ment was initialled in Nairobi on May 22 by 98 countries, including Britain and the US. What on earth did the Western lawyers present think they were doing?

The officials who negotiated this have landed their political masters in an appalling fix. With America refusing to sign, British and almost certainly other European min-isters are convinced that the bio-diversity convention is unsignable as it stands. With near hysterical lobbyists hogging the media on every street corner in Rio, John Major is over a political barrel. Britain's best hope is to make the Third World see that any convention is better than none and broker a workable compromise, with proper checks and balances. Some aid for conservation is better than none. A sensible basis of genetic exploitation is better than a free for all. A workable treaty is in everybody's interest.

TRUST THE BBC

Had yesterday's report from the National Audit Office exposed a scandal of profligacy and mismanagement in the inner workings of the BBC World Service, the clamour for a rigorous regime of outside supervision would have been deafening. The report does not do so. This bright corner of the vast and besieged BBC empire receives its entire £143 million budget from the taxpayer via the Foreign Office. And it is the Foreign Office that clearly deserves criticism.

The NAO inspectors found that Bush House, which houses the service's studios and headquarters in London, is run as a tight ship. By such measures as studio occupancy - 90 per cent at peak times - the World Service record is exemplary, and the pressure on its broadcasters to be costeffective is tangible. The service has about 120 million regular listeners at a cost of about £1 a listener a year. The NAO says it is "among the best known and most reputable" international radio organisations anywhere in the world. Mikhail Gorbachev would not be alone in querying the "among".

Despite this vote of confidence, the Foreign Office continues meticulous tinkering with the BBC's management and priorities. The NAO reports that the dipiomatic department of the FO had used its right to specify to where the World Service may broadcast, in order, for instance, to close down the Japanese language service in 1991. It was a case where "the World Service's priorities did not mesh with the department's"; and where the Foreign Office was swayed by the relatively high cost of the Japanese service.

Such decisions ought to be left to the BBC. Japan is a fellow G7 country, a major player

on the world stage, said to be investing in Britain at an annual rate of £3 billion a year. By contrast, the BBC puts out 26 hours in Polish a week, making Poland the World Service's fourth (out of 37) highest priority. Poland is doubtless a worthy recipient of such broadcasting largess, though a World Service survey there in 1989 could find no more than a 1.9 million regular audience, 7 per cent of the population.

The Polish comparison makes the Foreign Office axing of the Japanese-language service all the odder. It calls in question the system by which the relationship between the BBC World Service and the government is conducted. Under this system the FO issues a directive, a so-called "Prescription", to tell the BBC where to broadcast and for how long (but not what to broadcast), in return for its money. The FO says it bases its instructions to the BBC on its own diplomatic priorities. Thus the Arabic service is top of the list but there is no Hebrew service at all; and while there is nothing in Japanese or Malay, there is a service in Finnish and even Nepali.

The audit office suggests the World Service should be given more freedom within the Prescription system, which was too inflexible. But it also wants more radical solutions. The government should move towards "putting that relationship on a more contractual basis, in the way that has been successfully developed in other areas of government work". Better to allow the BBC, at arms'slength from government, to use its own judgment. At this stage of its existence, the World Service has enough local knowledge to know where to concentrate according to broadcasting criteria alone. The world trusts it. So should the British government.

LESSON FOR MR PATTEN

Britain's independent boarding schools were thrilled that Labour did not win the election. Had it done so, thousands of parents who have only just managed to scrape together their school fees during the recession would have been so hard hit by tax increases that little Jeremy and Jemima would have had to go to state schools instead. But for some schools, the reprieve may only be temporary. Boarding is becoming more expensive and less favoured; many boarding schools are struggling to survive.

Hence the inventive solution suggested by David Woodhead, director of the Independent Schools Information Service: if localauthority schools are to be allowed to opt out and become grant-maintained, why should not fee-paying schools "opt in" to grantmaintained status? Now that opted-out schools are allowed to be selective, the character of the school need not change. Jeremy and Jemima's parents will be

mightily relieved. So will the governors. The idea fits logically, albeit as a reduction to absurdity, into the government's confused education policy. Ministers want to promote diversity in schooling. Good schools should be allowed to expand to meet demand; bad schools will eventually be forced to close. Parental demand for places at Eton is large: doubtless it would increase still further if the fees dropped from E11,000 a year to the boarding costs alone, courtesy of the taxpayer and John Patten's burgeoning direct

grant budget. With city technology colleges the government has already accepted that new schools should be encouraged to start up as centres of excellence. Why not simply adopt an existing private school? If parents want a boarding school, who is the Secretary of State to stand in the way of such diversity and choice? And what could do more to erode the notorious class divide between public and private sector? What could have both middle-class parents and Labour politicians more delighted in unison? So why not nationalise private education by paying for it and otherwise leave it alone? Those parents who spend large sums simply to buy their children a better education would no longer need to do so.

Presumably oping-in will never be allowed to happen short of a universal voucher scheme. The Treasury wins an almost free ride from private schools, apart from charitable status and the small subsidy of the assisted places scheme. Yet the ISIS proposal ingeniously shows up the unfairness of the policy of opting-out. If one school can be offered large government grants why should not another, merely because it is currently in private rather than local

authority ownership? Grant-maintained schools will, sooner or later, come to ape private schools in their selectivity. Selection may be by parent's social status or by ability. Either way a social divide will open up with the surviving local council schools. To fuse the opted-out sector with the private sector and leave only the council schools behind would at least reduce by one the divisions that Mr Patten wants to inject into the British school system.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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build the sort of consensus that Rab

Butler sought. He cannot do that in

two months over the summer period.

(Labour education spokesperson),

From the President, Society of

Sir, Nick Seaton, of the Campaign

for Real Education (letter, May 27),

should know better than to imply

that 30 per cent of local education

authority funds are spent on bureau-

crats. The 30 per cent of local

authority budget which is centrally

managed is largely spent on home-

to-school transport, student grants

and support for children with special

educational needs, not to mention

The average authority will spend around 5 per cent of its total budget

on central administration. These

finance, personnel issues, property

maintenance, school admissions and

attendance, curriculum support and

monitoring, inspection and advice.

including training and guidance,

and providing checks and balances

for parents, students and teachers.

The vast majority of non-teachers are

actually employed in the schools and

colleges as support staff.

KEITH ANDERSON,

20 Bedford Way, WC1.

Society of Education Officers,

From Professor Antony Flew

Sir, Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the National Union of

Teachers, tells us (letter, May 27)

that "all teachers would agree that

teaching and assessment go hand in

hand". It is good to have his assurance that this is now the case.

For had it always been so we would surely already have an established

and comprehensive system of exam-

inations enabling us to know how many of our children, after sen years

of tax-financed compulsory edu-

cation, are leaving school func-tionally illiterate and innumerate.

As it is, although it is generally

agreed that there is a serious and

substantial failure under both heads.

the evidence is far less direct, clearcut

and decisive than it should be, and

would be, had there always been universal agreement upon the prin-

ciple which Mr McAvoy now pro-

pounds as obvious and universally

accepted.

May 27.

Yours faithfully,

ANTONY FLEW,

Reading, Berkshire.

Yours faithfully.

President,

staff include those who deal with

free school meals and carers.

Yours sincerely,

May 29.

HILARY ARMSTRONG

House of Commons.

Education Officers

Changing the rules on opt-out schools

From Councillor Chris Adamson

Sir, Your editorial, "Opting for what?" (May 28), is a welcome contribution to the debate that is needed on grant-maintained schools. It does seem that the government is trying to change the rules by the back door and with the least possible discussion.

As you say, testing will be inevitable as over-subscribed schools have to find some method of selection, but the government is introducing other changes that also lead to a two-tier education system.

The proposal to give popular schools more capital resources means that those schools with fewer resources in poorer inner-city areas are likely to get very little money although their buildings are crum-

bling away.

The publication of tests and attendance levels, without any guidance as to how to interpret this information, will encourage schools to weed out children who might affect their icague-table status.

You say the opt-out boat is rudderless and heading for the rocks, but the offer of extra government money for struggling schools may look very appealing.

There must be a public debute on how to ensure a good-quality, decent education for all children whatever their ability. London councils are beginning the debate. Let us hone the government responds by telling us its real objectives.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS ADAMSON (Chairman, Education Committee), Association of London Authorities, 36 Old Queen Street, SW1.

From Miss Hilary Armstrong, MP for Durham North West (Labour)

Sir, Your leader rightly points to the vacuum at the heart of the government's thinking. Are they really convinced that nationalisation of schools is the way forward? How do they ensure more equitable funding? Who is going to do the follow-up to ensure the right action is taken after an inspection? What does the rhetoric of parental choice mean when there is no independent system of appeal to the decision of opted-out schools on admissions?

The questions are many. The task is clear: to develop an education system which ensures the best educated and trained population in Europe. That needs the willing cooperation and enthusiasm of all involved, parents, teachers, local authorities, churches and local communities.

The 1944 Education Act was preceded by two years of consultation ed discussion, i white paper should give the Secretary of State the opportunity to

Sir, As an accountant (but not an

auditori and a non-executive direc-

tor, may I make some observations on your leading article on the Cadbury report ("Last chance au-

A number of large and successful

companies exist today because some

brave audit partner took a balanced

view at a time of crisis or abnormal

2. A significant number of examples

used to batter the auditing profession

involve fraud. Hindsight is particu-

larly useful but, alas, not available.

3. Non-executive directors are often

advocated as aloof, all-seeing, all-

knowing expens. What kind of team

is built on aloofness? How can all be

known on one meeting a month?

Will there be any volunteers to act.

especially in those companies that really need help, when the potential litigation and cost of defence is pilling

4. Business is an art, not a science.

To legislate for all possible contin-

gencies will leave us rather as with the Financial Services Act — lots

more paperwork and overheads, but

Perhaps directors, like the trade

unions, need an enforced cooling-off

period and a boardroom secret

ballot. Now there's a suggestion.

From Viscount Watkinson, CH

Sir, Ever since 1972, when the CBI

sought to improve the conduct of

companies and their boards, by

means of its company affairs report.

still a number of failures.

56 Telford Avenue, SW2.

Yours faithfully.

E. GUY ABEL.

May 28.

Cadbury report

From Mr E. Guy Abel

dit", May 28).

up?

numerous initiatives have suffered from the same fatal flaw. They have had no teeth sharp enough to bite those who think it smart to sail as close to the law as possible. Your leader rightly supports the

report as a last chance for selfregulation, but if legislation is to be introduced to strengthen the hand of auditors, then why not do the same for outside directors? The government should now think very carefully whether the concept of

a voluntary code without support of legal sanctions will go far enough to restore the image of the City. Yours sincerely, WATKINSON (President,

CBI, 1976-7), Tyma House, Shore Road, Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex.

From Mr Ian M. Duncan

Guinness plc.

May 29.

39 Portman Square, W1.

Sir, As a matter of record I am writing to let you know that Guinness, one of the companies referred to by name in your leading article, did not have an audit committee at the time of its problems. Equally, I would confirm that following the problems action was taken. The board was restructured to include a strong representation of nonexecutive directors and audit and remuneration committees formed.

Indeed, the "new" Guinness is already managed in line with the best practices as recommended in the Cadbury report and is, we understand, now looked upon as a role model in corporate governance. Yours faithfully. IAN M. DUNCAN (Managing Director of Finance and Administration),

Docklands dilemma

From Mr Andrew Hickley

Sir. The arguments excited by the collapse of Olympia and York's Canary Wharf scheme and the potential effects on London Docklands infrastructure have an interesting mirror 50 miles north of London.

In Milton Keynes, the last and greatest of the new towns, millions of pounds have been spent on arguably the most efficient infrastructure system in the country. However, the Milton Keynes Development Corporation led the development from the from with a carefully considered master plan rather than simply responding to the pressures of a so-

called "free market". The undoubted success of Milton Keynes in attracting vast amounts of private investment and in creating over 65,000 new jobs, albeit on a

green-field site, surely proves that the public sector has a vital role to play in the regeneration of inner cities and that the fundamentals of planning control and the development of infrastructure cannot be left solely in

the hands of property developers.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW HICKLEY. The Stable Flat, Orchards. Raveningham, Norfolk. May 29.

From Mr Ian Priestner

Sir, Given this morning's reported interest in Canary Wharf by Hong Kong tycoon, Mr Li Ka-Shing, why not invite the Hong Kong Chinese to move to Docklands?

Yours sincerely. IAN PRIESTNER. 16 Kildare Terrace, W2. May 29.

Food facts and fashionable fancies

From the Director-General of the British Nutrition Foundation

Sir. The page which you devoted to nutritional matters on May 28 shows a welcome reawakening of your journalists to the need to distinguish facts and fashionable fancies if confusion is to be avoided.

Fanciful notions become fashionable through the skilful manipulation of the media by vested interests. be they commercial, scientific or political, the latter being largely antiindustrial in their motivation. Their power is often enhanced by the feeble attempts at appeasement by manufacturers under attack.

Happily the public exhibits a great deal more common sense than these dissemblers assume; hence the favourable trends in most health statistics. Of course, consumers will admit to confusion if asked. This is a polite way of saying they intend to ignore the advice of those who are clearly grinding axes.

Among scientists worthy of the name, there is no confusion. Un-certainty, of course, ignorance, inevitably; but nothing that a little more work and much more thought cannot resolve. Those involved in public communication should seek to understand the available facts they are few and simple - before lending their support to the latest nutritional fashion.

Yours faithfully, D. M. CONNING. The British Nutrition Foundation. 15 Belgrave Square, SW1. May 29.

From Sir Francis Avery Jones

Sir, The controversy on food and health continues. For vitality, energy and enjoyable, illness-free living we need a generous intake of the protective foods" in which the 13 vitamins, ten trace elements and two essential fatty acids together with other important nutrients are concentrated. These micro-nutrients serve as integral units in the thousands of chemical enzymes maintaining every activity in our body.

Day by day we need a basic core of fibre-rich whole foods: whole-grain cereals, green leafy vegetables, with yellow/red ones. salads and pulses being specially protective, fruits, nuts, oils from a choice of many vegetable seeds, some dairy products and preferably some fish and meat products

With a wide variety, these will provide all the micro-nutrients to enable us to enjoy in moderation all our favourite tiavourful foods, including butter with no feelings of guilt and no threat to health, the only provisos being some modest exercise and watching one's weight and

waistline The Ministry of Food promoted this regime for over ten years with a

remarkable improvement in the

health of the nation. I helped to assess the success of this regime when serving on the BMA nutrition committee (1950).

The pundits ever since have assumed that the improvement was largely due to the simultaneous reduction in the intake of fat and sugar. They are wrong: it was the protective keystone nutrients maintaining our defence. So much recent scientific evidence is supporting this concept. Frankly, the saturated fat

and cholesterol story is on the way

Yours faithfully, F. AVERY JONES. Mill House. Nutbourne. Pulborough, West Sussex. May 29.

From Professor Emeritus John

Sir, Nutrition differs from all other sciences in that it has a strong social context; what people eat depends not only on the results of laboratory or clinical experiment, but also on what foods are available, what foods people like, and, in our highly civilised world, on the amount of promotion of particular products by their manufacturers.

A substantial number of nutritionists and other scientists are not at all convinced by the evidence of the role of dietary fat in heart disease, or by the evidence that dietary fibre can prevent obesity, intestinal disease such as bowel cancer and diverticular disease.

Heart disease is indeed associated with a high concentration of cholesterol, but association is in itself no proof. That appendicitis is accompanied by a high temperature is not the same as saying that a high temperature shows that you have appendicitis.

As in all experimental sciences, we still do not know everything about nutrition. Nevertheless, we can't tell people: "Stop eating until we know all the facts."

Yours faithfully, JOHN YUDKIN. 20 Wellington Court. Wellington Road, St John's Wood, NW8. May 30.

From Dr Eric Trimmer

Sir, Your main report on dietary theories is entitled "Why nutrition pundits must regularly eat their words".

Probably they have forgotten Walter de la Mare's excellent dietary aphorism: "It's a very odd thing/ As odd as can be/ That whatever Miss T eats/ Turns into Miss T."

Yours sincerely. ERIC TRIMMER. Yew Tree Lodge, Love Lane. Bembridge, Isle of Wight. May 28.

Survival of fittest

From the Chief of Clan Elliot

Sir, Your report, "Claymore is buried for gathering of murderous clans" May 25), depicts the Irving, Armstrong, Jardine, Elliot, Nixon and Johnstone families as historically an ill-disciplined collection of hoodlums and gangsters living in the Scottish Borders: a popular view but inaccu-

The Elliots first appeared in 1320 when Robert the Bruce brought them to Liddesdale to defend the border against the English. The present borderline is proof of their success. Supporting their king, James IV of Scotland, at Flodden in 1513, they lost many of their finest men and the breakdown of secure and strong government in Scotland following this defeat led to the period

of turbulence in the Borders covered in your report.

The Crown's attempt to use the clans as pawns in the political manoeuvres between Scotland and England destroyed any trust or loyalty that existed and it was a question of survival of the fittest. Pogether with our neighbours, the Armstrongs, we were the fittest.

My name is Eliott [sic], not Wilkins as you report. My husband, Christopher Wilkins, has an interesting family history of his own and I appreciate the company of its product. I would not dream of imposing my name on his and so, I remain Yours.

MARGARET ELIOTT. Redheugh, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire.

Eye to main chance

From the Secretary-General,

Institution of Plant Engineers

Sir. Frances Plowden is rightly to be

congratulated on her receipt of a

scholarship from the Royal Warrant

Holders' Association to study at a

smithy near Barcelona (report and

photograph, May 28), but I was

horrified to see her at work without

The Institution of Plant Engineers,

any kind of eye protection.

Yours faithfully,

ROGER PRATT.

Secretary-General,

Westminster, SW1.

77 Great Peter Street.

May 26.

View from back yard

From Mr Robert H. Parry

Sir, I doubt whether the writer of your editorial on the Castlemorton "invasion" ("New age of Nimby", May 27) would have written in such Olympian language had he been standing on the common beside his savagely ravaged sheep or spent sleepless nights behind locked doors listening to the sounds of 20,000 people "peacefully enjoying them-selves" and of his windows being broken and his sheds being demolished.

There may be a time for sitting on the fence, but not when it is being torn down.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT H. PARRY. 23 Queen's Drive, Malvern, Worcestershire. May 27.

From Mr H. Sutherland Pilch

Sir. Simon Jenkins. in "Bankrupis

who built a city" (May 30), says: "For

reasons that baffle geographers,

most cities develop westwards." I am

no geographer but have always

understood the reason to be that in

the days of coal fires one encountered

clearer air by moving towards the

Sir, Wouldn't Canary Wharf be the

ideal base for the Thatcher Founda-

16 Drayton Gardens, SW10.

prevailing westerly winds.

Pulborough, West Sussex.

From Mr Cyril Bryan

Oakhouse Farm,

CYRIL BRYAN,

June 1.

Yours faithfully, H. SUTHERLAND PILCH,

What's in a name? From Mr Peter Glover

Sir, Do other readers share Peter Kimm's uncertainty of whether his wife is married to him or the airedale (letter, May 30)?

I have come to terms with second place to a springer spaniel yet I can seldom distinguish with any certainty whether my wife is talking to me or the dog, or if the appetising aroma wasting from the kitchen is a signal for me or him. A call of "Yourdinner's ready, dear" confuses both of us.

Yours etc. PETER GLOVER. White Croft. Reynoldston, Swansea, West Glamorgan.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 2: Mr John Gray was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Brussels. Mrs Gray was also received by

Mr Patrick Fairweather was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Rome.

Mrs Fairweather was also received by Her Majesty.
The Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec (His Honour Monsieur Martial Asselin) was received by

The Queen today.

Madame Asselin was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir Richard Trant was received by The Queen on relinquishing his appointment as Colonel Commandant of the Honourable Artillery Company and Lieuten-ant General Sir Michael Wilkes on assuming the appointment. The Rt Hon Sir Edward Heath

was received by The Oueen when the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of the Order of the Garter. The Rt Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of

The Queen this evening.
The Duke of Edinburgh, International President of WWF-World Wide Fund for Nature, returned to Heathrow Airport, London, from a visit to Turkey. The Princess Royal, Patron. Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, this morning visited the Link into Learning Study Centre, and Cornwall College and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Comwall (the

Viscount Falmouth). Her Royal Highness, Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Naval Service, afterwards visited Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, Lympstone, Exmouth, Devon.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in arrendunce. The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association, this evening amended the Bedford-shire and Buckinghamshire Olympic Appeal Dinner at Wo-burn Abbay, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Bedfordshire (Mr Samuel Whitbread).

The Countess of Lichfield was CLARENCE HOUSE

June 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon opened Ronald Gibson House, the Brendoncare Foundation's Nursing Home, in Tooting.

Dame Frances Campbeli-Preston and Sir Martin Gillat were in

KENSINGTON PALACE June 2: The Princess of Wales, Patron, today attended a Luntheon in aid of Birthright and St Mary's Save the Baby Fund at

Service dinner

Rifle Brigade General Sir Richard Worsley presided at the annual dinner of the Rifle Brigade Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-Colonei J.M.J. Balfour, Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, was the guest of honour. Row, London SW!.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in KENSINGTON PALACE

June 2: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited Royal Air Force Buchan and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutemant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse). In the afternoon His Royal

Highness visited Peterhead Power Station, Peterhead. In the evening The Duke of Gloucester opened the Robert Adam Bicentenary Exhibition at the National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh. Mr. Norman, Irons, the burgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron. The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support) this morning attended a Parent Group Meeting at 35 Belgrave Square. London SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in

Square London SW1.
This afternoon Her Royal
Highness, Patron, AFASIC
(Association for All Speech Impaired Children), visited language units at Spelthorne First School and Spelthorne Middle School. Ashford Common, Middlesex, Later The Duchess of Gloucester opened Oakwood Court (extra care home) for the Sussex Housing Association for the Aged at Haywards Heath and was received by Major-General Sir Philip Ward (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex). Afterwards Her Royal Highness opened the new Clinic at the School of Phytotherapy, Bucksteep Manor, near Hallsham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson). Mrs Euan McCorquodale was

in amendance. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 2: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning opened Husky Computers Limited, Eden Road, Walsgrave Triangle Business Park, Warwickshire and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Warwickshire (The Rt Hon the

Viscount Daventry).
His Royal Highness later visited Midland Industrial Glass. Upper Marshall Street. Birmingham and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of the West Midlands (The Rt Hon The Earl

This afternoon he presented the North Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce Export Award at The Most House Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent and was met on arrival by Mr Charles Mitchell (Deputy Lieutenant of Staffordshire). Captain the Hon Torn Coke

University news Dr Stewart Asquith has been

the child. Aberdeen Andrew Hurst to be the first holder of the Shell Chair of Production Geology.

appointed to the newly created St Kentigern chair for the study of

Birthdays today

Mr P.J. Attenborough, publisher. 56; Sir Robin Black, diplomat, 86; Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, 72; Mr Patrick Cargill, actor, 74: the Earl of Cromer, 46; Mr Tony Curtis, actor, 67: Professor Richard D'Aeth, former president, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 80; Mrs Sheila Faith, former MP and MEP, 64: Professor R.N. Franklin, vice-chancellor, Cky University, 57.

General Sir Michael Gow. 68: General Sir Michael Gow, 68: the Hon William Douglas-Home, playwright, 80: Professor Michael Jafft, former director. Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 69: Mrs June Lawrance, headmistress, Harrogate Ladies College, 59: Sir Harry Pitt, former vice-chancellor, Reading University, 78; Miss Anita Pollack, MEP, 46: M Alain Resnais, film director, 70: Mr Wilfred Thesiger, evolorer and writer, 82: Thesiger, explorer and writer, 82; the Most Rev Thomas Winning. Archbishop of Glasgow, 67.

Luncheons

Royal Warrant Holders

Sir Christopher Leaver, Lord Mayor locum tenens, accompa-nied by Mr Sheriff John Perring, was the guest of honour at the annual luncheon of the Royal Warrant Holders Association held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr David Palengat was in the chair. The Earl of Airlie, KT, presented the 1992 Queen Elizabeth Scholars

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association at the Travellers Club yesterday. Miss Hella Pick, president, was in the chair.

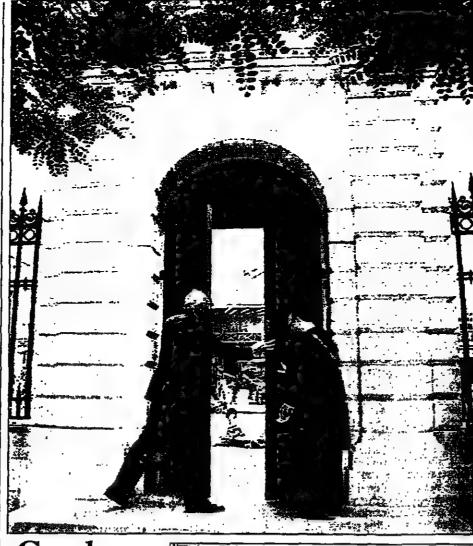
Glazo Science Writers Awards Sir Paul Girolami, Chairman of Glaxo Holdings plc, presented the Glaxo Science Writers Awards for 1991 at an awards luncheon held on Monday June 1, 1992, in the Ironmongers' Hall. The awards, made in collaboration with the Association of British Science Writers and worth £2,000 for each of the five categories,

Mewspapers - Torn Wilkle, The Independent: Specialist Journals - James Baggott, New Scientist: Broadcast Radio - Decumbir Conen. BaC Radio - Marind with Dr Steve Jones. BBC Radio - Marind Lerner, BBC TV Horizon: "Improving Human BBC TV Horizon: "Improving Human BC TV RO

Repton School

The following scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded by

Neme Scholarskipe James Benton, Repton Preparatory School; William Malcolm, 3 Anteliam's; Philippa Oldbam, Someygan, Lelesper, Ethispitose Chice Elis, Lichfield Cathedral Echool; Merryleas Hyde, Holmwood House: Ricardo Meakin, Cundall Manor, Helperby; Oliver Walker, Repton Preparatory School. Bonorary Market Schoolarskips: Margaret Passmort, Ecclesbourne School, Duffield: Rhodd Davies and Claira Mascidine, Rapton. Astronia apport Exhibitions: Manhew Chapman, James Stevenson, Region Preparatory School; Benjamin Greeves, Maisis, Yorks.



Garden revival

Dr Cyril Nemeth and Sir Hugh Cubitt yesterday officially opened the new gates set each side of St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, London, which lead from the piazza to the churchyard. They follow closely the design of Inigo Jones. The original archways were demolished by the Victorians and pub-lic lavatories were installed on the site. The replicas, which cost £90,000, were researched by English Heritage, which also contributed £54.000. Jones was said to have described his Tuscan church as "the handsomest barn in



Gill altar returns to Blundell's

as Dudley Lodge, led to a

decision to sell the item, with

AN ERIC Gill stone altarpiece designed for Blundell's School, Devon, and later abandoned, was bought for the school for £30,800 at Phillips in London yesterday. it was purchased by Mi Stephen Gorton, son of Dr Nevile Gorton, the headmas-

ter who commissioned it in 1938. Gill (1882-1940) was for high risk children known an old boy of Blundell's and carved it for the chapel When Dr Gorton was ap- an estimate of £15,000pointed Bishop of Coventry £20,000.

and left, a number of people objected to the altar and it ton, a retired company execu-

tive, said: "As my father commissioned the alterpiece was removed. On a subsequent visit Dr Gorton found it lying in a yard and took it to i have a personal interest in Coventry. The one and a half buying it on behalf of the school. It is a splendid work of ton work of art, made up of Il pieces, eventually found its an and Blundell's will be to what was then St delighted it is going back to Faith's Home for Unmarried where it was created in Mothers. A recent break-in at Devon. the home, now a family centre James James-Crook, head

After the auction Mr Gor-

of 20th century art at Phillips, said it was a rare example of Gill's work which includes altars in various places including Westminster Cathedral. It was "a very happy outcome for both parties".

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.A. Brewer and Miss P.A. Jonas

and Miss P.A. Jonas
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mrs. Joan L. Brewer, of Whitstable. Kent, and the late Mr D.A. Brewer, and Penelope, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. Nicholas Jonas. of Bishops Waltham, Hampshire.

Mr A.M. Campion and Miss F.M. Wamsley The engagement is annuunced between Andrew Mark, son of Mr Barry Campion. of Utkinton. Cheshire. and Mrs Philip Botting, of Offham, Sussex, and Fiona Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Smart Warnsley, of Burwash Weald, Sussex.

Mr M.D. Chalkiev and Miss A.S. Davin The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs David Chalkley, of Cyncoed, Cardiff, and Anna. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert M. Davitt. of Locks Common, Porthcawl.

Captain J.D. Gray and Miss J.A. Harrison The engagement is announced between Captain Jonathan Gray. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Gray, of Colinton, Edinburgh, and Julie Anne, daughter of the late Mr Norman Harrison and of Mrs Margaret Harrison, of Low Worsall, North

Mr D.A. Plugge and Miss V.S. Smith The engagement is announced between Dominic Alexander, son of Mr Frank Plugge, of London, and Mrs Colin Yates, of East Sussex, and Victoria Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Smith, of Egglesciiffe, Cleveland.

Mr H.J.E. Smith and Miss S.D. Heron
The engagement is announced
between Hugo, younger son of
Mr and Mrs J. Smith, of Slaugham, Sussex, and Sophic, only daughter of Mr J. Hernu. of Alfriston, Sussex, and Mrs V. Hernu, of Pulborough, Sussex.

Street at 11.30.

Dinners **Families for Defence** Lady Olga Maitland, MP, Chair-man of Familles for Defence. presided at a dinner held last night at 21 Cloudesity Street, N1. Mr Anatoli Danilitaki from the Russian Embassy was the guest

lectandic Consul Mr David Wilson, Honorary Consul for Iceland in Manchester, and Mrs Wilson were hosts last evening at a dinner at their home in Wilmslow for the Icelandic Ambassador, Also present were: Mr and Mrs M.D. Cowburn, Mr and Mrs Klarkanspon, the President of the Manchester Compular Association and Mrs Wewer and Mr W. Smith,

The Pakistan Society The Fortieth Annual Dinner of the Pakistan Society was held in the Great Hall, Lincoln's inn. on Humayun Khan. High Commissioner for Pakistan, presided and the guests were received by the Chairman, Sir Oliver Forster, KCMG, LVO. The guest of honour was the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and the Right Hon Sir Frederic Bennett, replied on behalf of the Guests.

Orthopsecuc recycles a reception at the I announcement of Research Centre i of Orthopsedies.

and Miss K.A. Spires Mr and Mrs Michael Spires have great pleasure in amounting the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Kelley-Anne to Michael McGer on Saturday, June 6, 1992, at Ealing Abbey.

Mr G.D.K. Terton and Miss VJ. Nell The engagement is announced between Graham, son of the late Mr lan Tutton and of Mrs lan Turton, of Lymington, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Neill, of Edinburgh.

Mr G.M. Waley-Cohen and Miss F.B. St Clair The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mrs Gwynedd Waley-Cohen, of Bloomfield Park, Bath, and Frances St Clair, of Blakeney,

Mr J. Widdows and Miss R. Preston The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Widdows, of East Ham. London, and Rachel daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Preston, of Chellaston, Derby,

Mr G.F.R. Wilcox and Schoritz S. Portillo Screan The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Judge and Mrs David Wilcox, of Lincoln and Bath, and Syra, daughter of Dona Yolande Serrano and Don Jose A. Portillo Scharfhausen, of Seville

Mr N.T. Wright and Miss D. Francis The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Group of Andover, Hampshire, and Deanne, daughter of Mrs D. Francis, of Wandsworth, and the late Mr E. Billings.

Marriage

Mr T.G. Cooper and Miss E. Cullen The marriage took place on Tuesday, June 2, at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bouverie Road, between Tim, son of Sir George and Lady Cooper, of Old Harlow, and Elma, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Cullen, of Longford, Eirc.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the

Duke of Edinburgh, will open the

new dub stand at Epsom race-

course on Derby Day at 12.15.

The Prince of Wales, as President

of Business in the Community,

will launch the Urban Village

Group Report at 1 Great George

Prince Edward will visit the

Construction Industry Training

Board's 25th anniversary celebra-

tions at the Bircham Newton

Training Centre, Norfolk, at

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend a preview of the Fine Arts and Antiques Fair at Olympia at 6.00, in aid of the suciety and Action Research. Cranfield College of Technology, will attend Lord Kings Norton's

The Duke of Kent. Visitor of 90th birthday party at the Institute's Central Business Exchange, Milton Keynes, at 7.50. The Duchess of Kent, as Parron of Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopsedic Hospital, will attend a reception at the Royal Society of Medicine at 6.15 for the announcement of a new Arthritis Research Centre for the Institute

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The way of God is blameless: the Lard's word has stood the test; he is a stied to all who take refuge with him. Psaim 18: 30 REB

Terence, a son. Sam Robert.
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for James and Lucy
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BIRTHS

BEATSON-HIRD - On May 31st. to Suzannah fries Starkey) and Jonathan a son. BELMORE - On May 27th, at The Royal Victoria Hospital. Belfast. to the Eart and Countess of Belmore, a daughter.

BERKELEY - On May 27th, at 1992. to Alexandra (nies Love) and Giles. B son. Benedict Robert.

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Newport Road. Cardiff.

ELLIOT - On June 1st 1992,
suddenty in Edinburgh.
Penetope Jane, dearty loved
wife of Lt. Col. I.M. Elliot.
O.B.E. IRRIG J. mother of
James and Charles, sister of
Sarah and daughter of Eiste.
Cremation private, Service of
Thanksgiving on Wednesday
June 10th, 2 pm. at the
Church of The Good
Shepherd. Murrayfield.
Edinburgh.

FERENS - On June 1st 1992. Edinburgh.

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peacefully. Sir Thomas
Robinson Ferens C.B.E., of
Sunderlandwick. Driffield.
aged 89 years. Adored
husband to the lale Jessle
and much loved and
respected father to Bobble.
grandfather and great
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grandfather Funeral Service
at Scarborough
Cremalorium on Friday June
5th at 1.30 am. No flowers
please. Donallons if desired
to Fight for Sight, Institute of
Ophihalmology. Judd Sireet,
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FISON - On June 1st, peaceJully at home, Dorothy Ellen,
aged 93 years, formerly
Dorothy Deane of the Winter
Garden, Drury Lane Widow
of John Reginald Gifford
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Little Wittenham on Tuesday
June 9th at 2 pm, followed
by private cremation, Familyflowers only please but
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GORE-BOOTH - On May 31st, peacefully in Ulster, Bridgel, aged 80. Funeral Service at Liggadell on June 4th at 3pm.

HODSON - On May 31st. Basil. aged 90. peacefully at home. Puneral at Colders Cremstorium, Friday June 8th at 3.50 gm. No Nowers but donations to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund. 15-19 Britism Street, London. SW3 372

JEFFRYES - On May 51st 1992. Francesca Jeffryes the Collanca peacefully at St. Wilfrid's Hospice. Chichester. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday June 9th at 2.30 pm Family garden flowers only please, but donations if desired to St. Wilfrid's Hospice. Chichester.

JOHNSON - On May 29th 1992. W.H.B. Johnson. ex Commissioner of Irland Revenue. yachisman. Robur et aes triplex. et aes triplex.

KABERRY - On May 28th 1992 Lily Margaret (Peggy), peacefully in Harrogale. Dearest wife of the late Donald. Lord Kaberry of Adel, and loving mother of Kit. Andrew and Simon and Nanna to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sadly missed by her (amily and all her friends. Private funeral service on Friday Juno 5th at I pm at St John the Baptist Church. Adel. Leeds. No flowers please. Donations if so desired to the NSPCC. Guide Dogs for the Bilind and Cancer Relief. her three favourite charities.

LEACH - On May 29th 1992, tragically in a helicopter accident, Robin and Heather, adored parents of Wendy, Nicholas. Mandy and Michelle, Family funeral at Ugley and a Thanksgiving Service for their many friends on Tuesday June 23rd at 2.30 pm at All Saints Church. Hertford and afterwards at Hanbury Manor Hotel. No flowers please tonations to The Peter Kirk School, St. John's Road, Stansted, Essex.

LIND JACKSON - On June 1st. suddenly but peacefully at 40 Pierson Road. Windsor. Shelia, daughter of Wilfred and Elizabeth Lind Jackson and secretary to many Professors of Surgery. Funeral at Stough Crematorium. Friday June 8th at 9 30 am. Family flowers only and donations to SI Mary's Hospital Kidney Patients Association. 64 Elmroyd Avenue. Potters Bar. Herts. EM6 2EF.

MALLEY - On June 1st.
peacefully at his home in
Pennington, John Charles,
devoted husband of Phyllis,
much loved paps of
Christopher and Carol and of
his sister Pat. Greatly
respected by many friends,
Donations, if desired, to
Oakhaven Hospice,
Lymington, Hants.

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McKEE - On May 31st.
poncefully in Gloukestershire
Royal Hospital after a short
illness. Ll. Cot. William
Robert Hunter McKee T.D.
J.P., D.L. sped B1, of
Natisworth. Gloucestershire,
and formerly of West
Chiltington, West Sussex.
Beloved husband of "Milke"
and devoted father of
Roberta, Michael and SallyAnne, and Gramps
extraordinaire to his thirteen
grandchildren. Past
Chairman of the Sussex.
Police Authority. The West
Sussex Association for the
Blind and Vice Chairman of
the West Sussex County
Council. Funeral Service to
take place on Monday June
8th at St George's Church,
Nailsworth, Gloucestershire,
at 1.45 pm. Family flowers
only please. Donalons in his
memory tray be sent for The
West Sussex Blind Association c/o Philip Ford & Son
fruneral Directors) Ltd.
Dirieton House, Stroud, Glos.

HONTGOMERIES.

MONTGOMERIES
CHARRINGTON - On June
1st, suddenly, Henry Eric, in
Nassau, Funeral Private
Details of a Memorial Service

STANYER - On May 31st Deacefully at home. Roy Leese aged 72 years. Beloved husband of Tina, much loved father of Susan and Paul, father-in-law to Kenneth and

Thomas and James.

TIMINGS - On May 31st aged
74. Edward Kenneth
Timings MVO MA FSA
Distinguished archivist and
Navat historian. formerly
Principal Assistant Keeper in
Charge of the Search
Department at the Public
Record Office. This kind and
generous man will be greath
missed by all his friends and
by his deeply saddened
Godson Charles HamelCooke. Funeral Service at
Golders Green Crematorium
at 11.10 on Friday June 5th

TONGUE - On June 1st.

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TONGUE - On June 1st.
peacefully and courageously
at Royal Lancaster
infirmary. Reginald Ellis, of
Parrock Cross, Windermere,
dearly loved husband of Elsie
and faither of Charles, Louise
and Emma Burial at Crook
Church on Friday June 5th
at 12 midday Family
flowers only. Donallons to
Ocean Youth Club or Queens
Nursing institute c/o A.G
Clarke, The Ashes, Carimel
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(06395) 31481

NIVEN - On May 21st.
peacefully. Moyra Vivian at
Fishbourne. Crichester.
widow of Robert Ogilvie
Niven, late of Glasgow and
Guernsey: only child of Mr &
Mrs Mowbray Webber of
Wintbish Manor. Cambridgeshire Funeral Service at the
Partsh Church Warblingtonwith-Emsworth. Hanis., on
Tuesday June 16th at 2 pm.
followed by burial at
Warblington Comelery.
Flowers isprays only) to
Cornellus House, Fishbourne
or if desured, donations to
Animal Sheller. St Peter
Port. Guernsey or Royal
National Lifeboat imitution.

SHEPHERD - On June 1st. peacefully in Wells Cottage Hospital, Iris Mary (nde Alcocki aged 89 years of Burnham Market. Norfolk. formerly of Matching Green. Essex. beloved wife of the late Victor Richard. dearest mother of Joan. loving grandmother and great-grandmother. All enquiries 10 S.T. Sutton Funeral Director, Welk-Next-The-Sea. Norfolk. Iel: (0328) 710301

LEGAL NOTICES

DAVID WALLIS
CERAMICS LIMITED
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named Company will be held all
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UPTON - Oh June 2nd. Herbert, Craftsman with Edward Barnsley Workshop 1924-1979, 40 years as Foreman Cremation Chichester 1 pm June 5th CARDIAC RECORDERS LTD
In Administrative Receivership
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
PURSUARI TO SECTION 98 of The
Insolvency Act. 1986 that a
Needing of the creditors of the
above named Company with the
ried at the officer of Let and Etourne Terracies. 12nd Floor.
London W2 elf- on Friday, the
12th day of June. 1992 at 12:00
noon for the purposes provided
for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of
the above Company's Creditors
can be insocreted at the divers of
Leonard Curils & Co. 30 East
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of Creditors
Dated the 27th day
of Mat 1992
SAMAR DEY GHATAK Director WARDLE - On May 31st.
peacefully all home after a
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Peter and Nick. Pricate
funeral al Putney Vale
Crematorium on June 9th al
1.30 pm Flowers to Fredt.
W Palne. 6 Coombe Lane
London SW20 aND.

WILLIAMS - On June 1st. at home. Jack Richard Howard loved by his wife pamela, and family Funeral at St Peter's and St Paul's west Mersea on Monday June 8th at 12 noon Family flowers only. Donallons to Cancer Research Campaign c/o R Chapman, 36 Lexden Road Colchester, with thanks. WOODWARD - On June 2nd

CARRE JEWELLERY LIMITED
JIN LIQUIDATION
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1996
In accordance with Rule 4 106
of The Insolvency Rules 1996
notice is hereby gives that I Gent
Licensed Ham shoote Carle & Aspociales, 20 New Road, Brighton
Exit Suspect Shi LLF, was
appointed Liquidalor of the above
Compan by the members and

HELMRIDGE PLANT HIRE LTD NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the hinds ency 4ct 1986 had a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above parents Comments the above named Company will be held on 17th June 1992, at a be held on 17th June 1992, at a Charterhouse Square, London ECTM 6EN at 12,00 noon for the mentioned in Section 99

LEGAL NOTICES

CARRE (JEWELLERY) LIMITED

IN LIQUIDATION
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Bhat the Creenters of the above
named Company, which is being
voluntarily wound up, are
required, on or before the 9th day
of July 1992 to send to their full
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William Rhodes FCA Longer
Road Brighton East Sussex, BNI,
ILY The Liquidator of the add
Company and if so required by
notice in writing from the said
Liquidator, are, personally or by
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prove their debts or claims at
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the above Company's Creditors
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been or will be, paid in full

IN THE MATTER OF CAVERN CARROS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE BASIQUENCY RULES 1986 in accordance with Rule 4 106 of The Intolvency Rules 1986 notice in hereby give in that I. Keith Dat id Goodman, FCA, a Licetsed involt carry. Practilization of Messrs, Leonard Carlos & Co., 30 Eastbourn Terrace. London, W2 61F, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the sembers and creditors on 26th May 1982. May 1992
Deted this 26th day
of May 1992
Krith David Goodman, FCA,
Uquidator Leonard Curlis & Co
Chartered Accountains PO Sox
863 So Leatbourse Terrace,
London W2 611.

LEGAL NOTICES

ONO HOLDINGS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GA EN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the
Inschency Act 1996 that a
MELTENG of the CREDITURE of
the above named Company will
be held on 19 June 1992 at 4
Charterhouse Squabre. Landan,
ECIM 6EN at 12:00 noon for the
purposes mentioned in Section 19
et seq of the said Act
NOTICE IS FURTHER CIVEN
that Maurice Raymond
Dorrington. FIPA of 4
Charterhouse Square. London.
ECIM 6EN is appointed to act 35
the qualified insolvency Practitio
ner pursuant to Section 98 (284)
of the said Act who will furnish
Creditors with such information
at they may require
DATED the 13 day of May 1992
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Trevor Evens, Director.

O & M TRENG LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HERERY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the
insolvency Act. 1986, that a
neeting of the creditors of the
above named company will be
pried at the orifects of Poppleton
and Applichy: 32 Night Street,
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WORD-WATCHING

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(b) Connerfeit or artificial, an ornament superadded to a finished work of sculpture or architecture, especially when inappropriate or postmodernist peculiar, from the Italian posticcio counterfeit: "Sometimes the Duchess appeared with these mosticular propriate of propriate or a propriate of the period of th postiche roses, sometimes of a mortal paleness BALLYRAG (b) To overswe, intimidate, badger, variant of bullying, but probably not connected with bully, origin obscure: "He asked whether a fellow was to be ballyragged out of his very bed."

ENCHORIAL. (c) That which belongs to a particular country, in particular, specifically, the demotic as opposed to the hieroglyphic Egyptian script, as on the Rosetta Stone, from the Greek en in + chore country: "That maiscribable enchorial something which is British and and Mathematics." and not Netherlandish."

CUCULLATE (a) Hooded, shaped like a hood or cowl, from the Latin cucullus a hood, as worn on cloaks, especially by monks; "The nectary or horn is cucullate or cowlW. N. W.

STRETTON BUILDING CONTRACTORS (DUDHAM) LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1988
NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN pursuant to Section 98 or the insolvency Act 1986, that a meet inso of the creditors of the about marked company will be held if the offices of Poppirion and Appleby, 32 High Sired, Massistater, Marchaster, Ma 100 on Turnday 50 June 1992 at 12.00 moun, for 88 pursoess mentilence in Section 99, 100 and 101 of the said at Pursuant to Section 98 Subsection 1985, and 1992 at 12.00 moun 1985, and 1992 at 12.00 mounted to Section 1995, and 100 and 101 of the said at Pursuant to Section 98 Subsection 1995, and 1992 at 12.00 mounted to Section 1995, and 1992 at 12.00 mounted to Section 1995, and 1992 at 1

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of co-ordinating the internal

and external intelligence ser-

vices. This proved a poisoned

chalice since in the end it led

to his downfall. Confirmed

after the first all-German

elections in December 1992

as state secretary responsible

for both European and intelli-

gence service policy. Stavenhagen found himself

dealing with two of the most

difficult dossiers facing the

government. The run in to

the Maastricht summit saw

Germany's position as central

to the development of the

Community. The web of in-

trigue left behind after unifi-

cation was certain to prove

In the end Germany ob-

tained much less than the

chancellor hoped at Maas-

tricht but, thanks in large

part to the pragmatism urged

by Stavenhagen, an agree-

ment was possible. However,

he was widely criticised over

two initiatives made by the

intelligence services. One was

over the issue of a passport to

Golodowski, who ran East

Germany's secret network of

businesses in the west. Even

more serious was the discov-

ery that the intelligence ser-

vices were shipping former

East German armoured vehi-

cles to Israel disguised as

Stavenhagen denied know-

ing anything about either

case until after they were ex-

posed, but in December of

last year he resigned, accept-

ing that as co-ordinator for

the services he should have

been abreast of everything

that was happening. Since

then he had been active again

as a backbencher and his

early death from pneumonia

A descendent of Bernhard

Stavenhagen, the composer

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OBITUARIES

GARTH PETTITT

Robin Garth Pettitt, for-He had married in 1964 mer head of the UN and Elizabeth Jenkins, herself the daughter of a colonial admin-Commonwealth department at the Overseas Devistrator. It was said that she elopment Administration grew so tired of waiting for (ODA), died in a road accihim to propose that she flew dent on May 29 aged 59. off to teach in the United He was born on August 14, States. Panic-stricken, he 1932. caught the next plane and proposed in the cathedral at San Francisco. She fell terminally ill. however, while in

Office.

He was transferred to the

ODA at his own request in

1972 and with his FCO expe-

rience behind him was

promptly assigned to working

with the UN for two years.

After 12 months dealing with

universities and technical

education in the Third

World, he was posted to the

Pacific territories section in

region during the next four

years as he played a part in bringing a number of colo-nies to independence and

supporting them in their first

He was closely involved

with the Gilbert and Ellice

Islands (now Kiribas and

Tuvalu), with the New Hebri-

des (now Vanuatu) and Sa-

moa and, together with the

Australian government, in Papua New Guinea.

acting assistant secretary and

sent to East Kilbride, near

Glasgow, in charge of the

newly dispersed section of the

ODA dealing with the re-

cruitment of technical co-op-

eration officers, including

doctors, nurses, scientists and

engineers, to work overseas

He remained there for four

years, returning to London in

1983 to head the UN and

Commonwealth department.

As such he represented Brit-

ain in a number of specialist

UN agencies like Unicef and

Unesco, travelling extensively to New York, Paris and Geneva. He also became

more closely associated with multilateral, as opposed to

After taking early retirement last August, he was invited by the British committee

of Unicef to join its executive

board. He accepted with alac-

rity and returned only two

weeks ago from representing

the agency on a visit to Sri

Lanka and the Maldive Is-

lands. He had just completed

the first draft of his report

His wife died in 1970.

Their son and daughter sur-

on aid projects.

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before his death.

vive him.

SALVADOR NAVA

In 1979 he was promoted

steps as nation states.

He travelled widely in the

GARTH Pettitt was a highly principled civil servant. whose professional work Lagos, forcing their early reamong people of the Third turn to Britain. Pettitt thus World was underpinned by spent the next four years his liberal sympathies for the based in Whitehall, first in deprived. the UN then the commodities He was not a practising departments of the Foreign

Christian but he gave moral and practical support to the Anglican priest, Father Bill Shergold, in his pastoral work among the biking fraternity of north London. Shergold, after befriending a number of bikers at a cafe on the North Circular road, invited them to use his church hall as a centre. This became known as the 59 Club, where Pettitt was at one time helper

and adviser. Pettitt was himself a motor cycling fanatic. Whitehall colleagues were accustomed to seeing him roaring to work on one of his three 1,000cc machines. He even rode to a reception at the Mansion House, changing there from his leathers into white tie and

Yet he always said that he had first joined the Colonial Office because of his other great passion, ornithology. The prospect of free travel overseas offered previously undreamed-of facilities for bird watching. Throughout his subsequent colourful career he rarely travelled without his large binoculars, even when he was visiting the UN in Manhattan.

He was born at Norwich, the son of an artist, W. S. Pettitt, who exhibited his landscapes at the Royal Academy. After national service in the RAF, Garth Pettitt went to Selwyn College, Cambridge, to read history - from which he immediately switched to economics. He missed his first, it was said, because the examiner could not read his handwriting.

When he joined the colonial service in 1959 he envisaged a career slowly dismantling the old empire. But the speed of the process quickly overtook him. In 1960 he was in the Gibraltar and South Atlantic section of what had by then been rechristened the Commonwealth Office, dealing with the Falkland Islands among others. It then became the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and by 1967 he was a first secretary at the high commission in Nigeria.

Salvador Nava Martinez,

one of Mexico's most re-

spected opposition leaders,

died on May 18 aged 78.

He was born on April 7, 1914.

A PROMINENT and out-

spoken fighter for social jus-

tice, Salvador Nava Martinez

had been suffering from blad-

their political views. Although he was twice elected mayor of his home town of San Luis Potosi, 215 miles northwest of the capital. in 1959 and 1983, he will be remembered for his 1991 campaign for the governor-ship when as candidate for the Potosino Civil Front, a broad-based coalition, he

der cancer for two years, but had only recently retired. Nava emered politics in 1959 as a candidate for the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which has ruled Mexico since the 1930s, but in a characteristically bold move, ing way for an interim he resigned from the party after opponents questioned the validity of PRI election governor.

victories. Always the political rebel, Nava was accused in 1962 of plotting against the govern-ment and was jailed. The following year he was among

20 prisoners tortured for

Makers' Company

Mrs Mathew, widow of Francis Mathew, Manager of The Times from 1948 to 1965, presented the Francis Mathew Stationers' Com-pany Scholarship to Miss Nicoleme Linguage accordance

Nicolette Linton at a ceremony held yesterday at Stationers' Hall.

The Master, Mr W.C. Young.

presented the first Stationers' Cup for Printing to Reed's School

Cobham, and the Stationers' and

Cox Cups for performance under

training at the Commando Train-

ng Centre Royal Marines,

Lympstone, to Marines A. Moorehead and F. Harrison. The

Royal Marines became the company's adopted Corps in 1949.

Dr Salim Ibrahim, corporate Vice

President of Du Pont de Nemours Inc and Managing Director of its

'Lycra' business, was invested as President of the Textile Institute

on May 27. Afterwards, Dr Ibrahim was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the University

of Salford. Other elected officers

of the Institute's Council, its

ernational governing body.

Textile Institute

protested against what he called the "fraudulent" victory of the PRI candidate, Fausto Zapata, with a "March for Dignity" to Mexico City. Before the walkers could reach the capital, however. Zapata resigned, mak-

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari visited Nava shortly before his death, calling him a fighter for democracy without violence."

Nava is survived by his wife. Concepcion Calvillo. and six children.

KURT MAY

Kurt May, former director of the United Restitution Organisation which assisted victims of the Nazis, died in Frankfurt on May 26 aged 95. He was born in Meiningen on August 15, 1896.

FOR more than forty years Kurt May played a leading role in efforts to obtain compensation for Jews who had been plundered and oppressed by the Nazis. He was involved in restitu-

tion work from its start in the difficult and uncertain period after the second world war. Returning to Germany from what was then still Palestine in 1948, he initially worked as head of the legal aid department that had been set up in the American Zone to help Nazi victims recover their confiscated properties. He soon won an outstanding reputation in his field, and in 1955 he was appointed director of the United Restitution Organisation (URO), a post which he was to hold until

URO had been founded in 1948 by a group of German-Jewish lawyers living in London, Its first chairman. Norman Bentwich, was a distinguished British jurist who had served as attorney-general in Mandate Palestine. It began on a fairly small scale, offering help to claimants who were unable to afford a private lawyer, but it eventually grew into a world-wide organisation, with headquarters in Frankfurt, branches in 19 different countries and (at its peak) a staff of more than a

George Hurrell, Holly-

wood portrait photogra-pher, died of cancer in Van

Nuys, California, on May

17 aged 87. He was born

in Cincinnati, Ohio, in

1904.

HAD George Hurrell pos-sessed sufficient funds to pay

for sophisticated lighting

equipment at the start of his

career, the stars of Hollywood

might have shone less bright-

ly in their publicity photo-

graphs. When Hurrell set up

shop in California at the age

of 21 he was too poor to

afford the sort of studio and

technical apparatus consid-

ered essential by the leading

photographers of the time.

Instead, he was forced to ex-

and to create a style which

would draw out the character

of his sitters rather than

present them as the usual

He succeeded to such a

degree that his photographs,

far from being mere hand-

outs for the studio press

agents, became recognised as

works of art in their own

right. They are now exhibited

in museums and art galleries

all over the world, and com-

mand four-figure price tags.

Hurrell's technique, bring-

ing his subjects into sharp

focus, often making them

pose without make-up, and

using imaginative backgrounds, was crafted under the tuition of Edward Stei-

chen. His first great break-

through came in 1930, when

he photographed Ramon

Navarro, matinee idol of the

silent screen. Navarro was so

pleased with the results that

he encouraged Norma Shear-

er to enlist Hurrell's services.

Shearer was having prob-

lems at the time. Her hus-

band, Irving Thalberg, head

of production at MGM, con-

sidered her insufficiently sexy

to play the coveted lead role in

his film The Divorcee - an

artitude which threatened her

career and cannot have done

periment with natural

stereotypes.

thousand. In the course of its existence it has handled more than 500,000 separate claims on behalf of 300,000 dients.

Those claims were concerned not only with property but also with suffering in concentration camps, loss of parents, ruined careers and broken health. They often involved intricate legal issues.

Most of May's work neces-sarily involved him in the fate of European Jews. But he was a man of broad humanity, keenly aware that Nazism had had many other victims. He was particularly con-cerned that gypsies should be compensated for the crimes that had been committed against them.

Born into an assimilated German-Jewish family, he

GEORGE HURRELL

was a student at the University of Würzburg when war was declared in 1914. He immediately volunteered, and after being commis-sioned in an infanny regiment spent the next three years in the front line. He

fought action in Poland. After the war he completed. his legal studies and built up a thriving practice as a lawyer in Jena. As a war veteran, he was at first allowed to continue appearing in the courts after the Nazis had come to power, even though he was a lew, but his rights were sus-pended after it had been alleged that one of his clients was a communist. He vigorously contested the decision. but in vain; and in 1934 he

was decorated for his bravery

during an especially hard-

brother he opened and managed what was at the time the smartest and largest fashion store in the country. In 1936 he married. His wife, Vera, had studied jurisprudence in pre-Hitler Germany, and after the second world war she was to become a senior judge in the federal republic.

May was astonishingly en-

left for Palestine, settling in

Unable to practise law in

Palestine, he turned to a sec-

ond trade. Together with his

Jerusalem.

ergetic and efficient: he was still putting in a hard day's work in his late eighties. But energy and efficiency alone would not have been enough for him to have accomplished what he did. He was also a man of obvious candour and high principle, who commanded the instant respect of judges, civil servants and fellow-professionals. And, at the same time, no one could have been less of the heavy bureaucran he was notably considerate and approachable in his dealings with clients and staff slike.

As a young man he had been strikingly handsome, and he retained his looks in old age, along with an uncomplicated sense of humour and much of the stamina that had once made him an outstanding tennis player. At the age of ninety he could still set out on an Alpine walk and leave companions half his age puffing and wheezing as they tried to keep up. He is survived by his wife

and by their daughter, Miriam, who is literary editor of The Sunday Telegraph.

DR LUTZ **STAVENHAGEN**

Dr Lutz Georg Stavenhagen, German politician and co-ordinator of national intelligence services from 1989 to 1991. died on May 31 aged 52. He was born in Jena on May 6. 1940.

ONE of the most influential advisors of the German chancellor, Helmut Kohl, on European policy before the Maastricht summit, Lutz Stavenhagen's promising political career was brought up short because of mistakes made by the country's intelligence services during the period he was in charge of coordinating their activities.

The son of a widely travelled chemist, Stavenhagen went to school in both Colombia and India and after national service in the Luftwaffe studied economics at Saarbrücken and Tübingen. He took his doctorate in 1968.

He started work in industry, but from 1964, when he joined the Christian Demoeratic Union (CDU), he had become increasingly involved in politics. He quickly be-came chairman of his local CDU branch in Pforzheim and in 1972 was elected to the Bundestag. He was immediately made a member of the budget committee and became research policy and later nuclear energy spokes-man for his party. In 1983 he was chosen as leader of the CDU Baden-Württemberg group and this post became a springboard for a wider and

more influential career. In 1985 he was promoted into the government as a state secretary in the foreign ministry, which under Hans-Dietrich Genscher had become a fiefdom of the Free Democrats (FDP). There he acted as the eyes and ears of the CDU and became closely involved with European policy, sitting in at cabinet meetings. His influence was such that after the 1987 election the FDP insisted as one condition of remaining in the coalition that no CDU member should be appointed to

the foreign ministry. Stavenhagen was therefore transferred to the chancellery, where he masterminded the chancellor's rival European policy. This was not appreciated within the foreign ministry, where he was criticised for failing to prepare the chancellor properly for summit meetings.

However, Herr Kohl pleased enough with his work ow, Christine, and two by March 1989 to give him

the additional responsibility Geoffrey Axworthy GEOFFREY Axworthy, first artistic director of Cardiff's

success, but he proved them

the position of head of the

1941

Sherman Theatre, has died aged 67.

The theatre opened in 1973 with grave doubts from the Sherman project.

critics that it would be a

Geoffrey Axworthy came to Cardiff in 1970 as director of drama at University College, and was later appointed to

ON THIS DAY June 3

The battle for Crete lasted a fortnight. More than 17.000 Allied troops were evacuated rom the island, but at the cost

of three cruisers and six

destroyers.

LAST HOURS OF CRETE

With the AIF, June 2 The stories I have heard today from men of the Imperial Forces arriving in Egypt from Crete leave no doubt that the battle there was one of the bitterest and most courageous that British troops have ever fought. It is also clear that the Germans, who have suffered severe casualties, flung every ounce of their available strength into the endeavour to capture Crete. An Australian

major told me: "The German command is using not only trained, but also untrained, men in an effort to swamp the island with troops We captured a 19-year-old glider pilot wandering in the nountains. He was armed with a tommy-gun, but was unable to use it against our troops because he did not know how to operate it. He had arrived piloting a glider holding 10 German soldiers. He iold us that he had never been trained for war, and had been driving a taxi in Vienna three weeks earlier. One day he was told to report for duty, and was informed that his services were required because he was a

skilled glider pilot "He was sent off to Athens and taken to an aerodrome, where he found 40 gliders on the ground. The attack on Crete began a few days later. and the pilot was sent out in a glider towed behind an aeroplane which was also carrying troops. He was told that there was no need to worry because the troops in his glider were all highly trained soldiers who would be able to protect him. as well as themselves, on landing. However they had a hot time

when they landed, and the pilot and wireless operator became separated from the troops. They had been wandering for two days when we found them They were terrified at first because they had been told that the British take no prisoners."

Another senior officer, who was acting as a liaison officer and saw the results of fighting in a number of separate areas, told me that he considered that the lesson of Crete was that Germany could never capture Great Britain with parachutists and air-borne troops.

The Cretans have won the

admiration of every man who fought in the bande for Crete. They helped the Imperial troops in every possible way. An Australian private sold me: The women, as well as the men, were superb. Women who were doing our washing came right into the lines ever day to deliver clean clothes and collect dirty stuff. The blitz did not seem to worry them. They would come up, taking shelter on the ground when aeroplanes were overhead and moving on when the coast was clear. British and Australian officers, who were patients in the hospital at Cnossus when it was captured by the Germans. were able to escape back to the Australian lines at Heraklion under the noses of the Germans.

The real hero of this exploit was a 20-year-old Greek soldier, who brought a note for the captive officers from an Australian company commander. The Greek took his life in his hands to deliver the note. He put on civilian clothes, wormed his way through the German lines to the hospital. The officers slipped out and walked through the olive groves behind. Then they had to walk along a road in view of 12 German machine-gun positions for a distance of 1,000 yards. The Germans must have seen them but evidently took them for civilians and did not fire. The officers reached the Australian lines in time to leave with the battalion, which travelled to Egypt in destroyers.

Stationers' and Anniversaries Archaeology BIRTHS: James Hutton, geolo-Newspaper

gist, Edinburgh, 1726: Richard Cobden, "Aposte of Free Trade", Heyshott, Sussex, 1804; Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate states in the American Civil
War, Fairview, Kennucky, 1808;
George V, reigned 1910-36,
Marlborough House, London,
1865; Ono Loewi, physician,
Novel laureate 1936, Frankfurt am Main, 1873; Raoul Dufy, painter, Le Havre, 1877: George von Bekisy, physicist, Nobel laure-ate 1961. Budapest, 1899.

DEATHS: William Harvey. discoverer of the circulation of the blood, Saffron Walden, 1657: George Bizet, composer. Bougival, France, 1875; James Thomson, poet, London, 1882: Samuel Plimsoll, the "sailor's friend". Folkestone. 1898: Johann Strauss, composer of the Blue Danube", Vienna, 1899: Franz Kafka, writer, Kierling, Austria, 1924: Angelo Roncalli, Pope John XXIII 1958-03. Rome, 1963: Dame Anna Neagle, actress, 1986; Andreas Segovia, the guitarist, 1987; Ayatollah Sayyed Khomeini, re-

Church news The Rev John Patterson, Vicar, Winshill (Derby): to retire as from

ligious leader of Iran, 1989.

Wood henge sacrifice BY NORMAN HAMMOND

ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

much to help her marriage.

Hurrell, however, could make

a manaree look sexy if he

really tried, and duly worked

his magic. Thalberg saw the

photographs and changed his mind. Shearer got the part and Hurrell was

launched on a career which

Until the outbreak of the

lasted almost until his death.

second world war, when he

ioined the US Army and be-

Powys Archaeological Trust in Welshpool.

carpenters' techniques, with

mortise and tenon joints

holding the great sarsen some limes on to the up-

rights. Nearby, at Durrington Walls, a "Woodhenge"

has been found, suggesting

the model from which the

stone monument derived. A

similar timber structure is

known from Arminghall in

Norfolk, but why the builders

of Stonehenge chose to trans-

late carpentry into masonry is

The Welshpool site is some

18 yards across, just over half

the diameter of the Stone-

henge circle and much small-

Source: Current Archaeology

128: 341-343; Antiquity 66:

er and less complex than

unknown.

Woodhenee.

Stonehenge was built using

A CIRCULAR timber monument, likened to a wooden Stonehenge, has been exca-vated in the Welsh Borders. Reconstruction of the circle of pits found at Sam-y-bryncaled, near Weishpool, suggests that the uprights were linked with wooden lintels to

form a circuit like the central portion of Stonehenge. Other similarities between the two sites include a burial at each accompanied by four flint arrowheads. Two of those on the Welshpool site had impact fractures suggesting that they had been used to sacrifice the victim.

The body had been cremated, and was buried in a central timber-lined pit sur-rounded by a tight cluster of six posts. Two postholes to one side were quite shallow, and could have supported some sort of altar, according to Mr Alex Gibson, of the Clwyd-

many years.

Latest appointments include: Mr Lynn Harrell to be principal of the Royal Academy of Music from September 1993, in succes-

George Hurrell with Bette Davis on the set of The Little Foxes

came staff photographer for

the Pentagon, Hurrell

worked his magic with practi-

cally every major star in Hol-

lywood. Some of his best work

was done with Joan

Crawford, with whom he had

a creative relationship lasting

On his return from the war,

Hurrell was hired by Colum-

bia and picked up where he

had left off. Jane Russell owed

Appointments

sion to Sir David Lumsden.

Legal

Master Miller, a Master of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court, to be also the Admiralty Registrar, from August 1. He will succeed Master Topley. who continues as the Senior Master, Queen's Bench Division. Mr Michael Lynn Cartlidge to be a circuit judge, assigned to the North Eastern Circuit.

Mr Nigel Sweeney to be Senior Treasury Counsel to the Crown at the Central Criminal Court. Mr Martin Heslop to be First Janior Treasury Counsel to the

Crown at the Central Criminal Court Mr John Kelsey-Fry to be Junior Treasury Counsel to the Crown at

the Central Criminal Court Coopers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Coopers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. L. Joughin: Upper Warden, Mr. J.H. Mullenger: Under Warden, Mr. R.M. Lebus.

Latest wills

1976-80, left estate valued at

Wollaston, of Felpham, West Sussex, artist and teacher, left estate valued at £618,497 net. Lieutenant-Colonel Alan John Lambert Hopkins, of Rounds-well, Devon, left estate valued at £1.344.908 net. He left £1,200, his home and effects to personal legatees and a third of the residue "as a gesture of my gratitude" to Eton College for the benefit of sons of former pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford to sent them there, and two thirds of

Florence Nightingale Shirlaw, of Walmer, Kent, left estate valued

Hurrell continued to appear on film sets as a freelance stills photographer.

Sir Charles Villiers, of Summinghill, Berkshire, chairman of the British Steel Corporation £601.444 net.

much of her success - and

the publicity tag of "mean,

moody and magnificent" -

to his portrait of her lying on

a haystack, taken to publicise

her debut in Howard

Hughes's The Outlaw in

1953. The halcyon days of

Hollywood portraiture had

faded by the mid-1970s, but

Mr Charles Hannam Gulston the residue equally between the PDSA. Animal Health Trust and

the Blue Cross. Mr Douglas James Edward King. of Hadley Wood, Herdordshire. left estate valued at £2,404,180

at £1,203.514 net.

Other estates include (net, before ıax paid): Mrs Mary Adele Josephine Wynne-Williams, of London SW1_____f1,238,448. Mrs Louie Wolkevitch, of

London N2.

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

the people

MARG Davidge's lurid portraits of Prince Charles and Princess Di would not get a look in at the usual London west end show. Nor would Lynne Castell's rendition of the Queen Mother in baby blue, half smothered by a bunch of very pink roses. Nor Daphne Wakefield's waxylooking John Major, his face blander than real life gazing from under a grey, wavy quiff.

As it is, these painters' efforts will be rubbing shoulders with the likes of Elizabeth Frink and Roger de Grey at the Royal Academy summer exhibition whose private views start today.
They, and many other Sun-

day painters have been chosen by the pop artist Peter Blake. A leading force in the committee of 12 which selected 1.736 works from 12.150 entries, he has helped to return the event to its original brief as the great national open exhibition offering op-portunities to everyone. "We have included some naive paintings which wouldn't normally have got in." says Blake who enjoys the "obsessional approach that untaught painters have". He points to a painting of a tennis match in which a buxom player is presented in relief because she is the main subject, and to a meticulous landscape in which "every stone and nettle is there. The artist must have worked for four years on this".

The committee - which works, unpaid, for about two months preparing for the exhibition — has also widened



Pictures at an exhibition: Marg Davidge's portraits of the Prince and Princess of Wales will earn her two months of fame and, she hopes, £5,000

representation of foreign artists, "to introduce some kind of international professionalism" says Blake. Works on display include the massive "Oblation" by Francesco Clemente of Italy, in which a herd of animals appear to feed off a phallus, a striking

abstract in apple green and orange by the American Ellsworth Kelly and "Der Junge Ritter" by the German Georg Baselitz, in which the image of a prostrate figure has been made from footprints in black

Finally, architectural mod-

els have been integrated among the paintings and sculpture for the first time, so that Richard Rogers's geometric study to the entrance hall for the European Court of Human Rights shares a room with the figurative artists RB Kitaj and Allen Jones.

Besides the innovations, the old favourites are there, such as a kitsch and gravitydefying "Girl on a Swing" by Sydney Harpley, screen prints of human heads by Elizabeth Frink and a bronze horse priced at £176,250. So are the obligatory ridiculous

exhibits, such as "Three Tof-fee Apples" by Clive Barker, in which the subjects are fashioned in bronze and presented on a case table. Visitors seeking traditional potting sheds and picturesque landscapes will not be

2,000 civil servants to go east

Continued from page 1 helping to rescue the project. Mr Howard told the Commons that O&Y's luxury office block was one of three sites being studied as a possible home for his department's officials. "It is clear that exceptional value for

money may now be secured in Docklands," he said. Negotiations were under way with the developers of three sites: Harbour Exchange, East India Dock and Canary Wharf. Mr Howard

ment with one of them. Other ministries, including the radio communications agency of the trade department and the transport department, were considering Docklands. It is understood that about 5,000 officials could be moved to the area over several years.

Mr Howard's announcement provoked angry clashes with Labour and criticism from Conservative MPs of the delays in establishing transport links with Docklands. able to sign an outline agree- ishing that the government

was still dithering about ac-cepting responsibility for a fiasco largely of its own creation. "Canary Wharf is a monument to the Govern-ment's folly, as well as to the folly of the banks involved," he said. "It is time to do what should have been done in the first place, make a proper assessment of where the pub-

lic interest, and therefore the

public responsibility, lies, and that can be done only on the

basis of full disclosure."

By Philip Howard

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b. To harass or bully c. A scrimmage at Shinty

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Poster toil and trouble

Continued from page 1 which is the country's principal Shakespeare touring company, has an Arts Council grant of £930,000 and sponsorship for the tour from IBM, which approved the poster. The company had planned to spend £3,000 on 60 Underground sites as its only poster advertising for the two week London season.

"I don't know what we shall do, but it would be a terrible waste of a marvellous image if Job losses, page 19 | ing," Miss Homer said.

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(VI) (-TOUBLET, HATES)

Private schools ask to go grant maintained

Continued from page I national education system administered locally. By the end of this decade, it is likely to have a national system maintained nationally.

John Haden, chairman of the Boarding Schools Associ-ation, said that many independent schools would welcome a chance to join the new sector. "We in the state sector would want to be assured that there would be pendent schools received

public support," he said. State boarding schools offer free mitton, but parents or councils pay living costs.

Bob Balchin, chairman of

the Grant Maintained Schools Trust, said that ex-tending opting out to prop up independent schools would be a waste of public money.

The education department said that ministers had no power to allow opting in.

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Political sketch

Sackers feel the tender touch

For how much longer will William Waldegrave. be sitting on the govern-ment front benches? Or Malcohn Rifkind, the defence secretary? Or Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary? Or John Major, come to that?

STMON WALKER

After yesterday's front pages were splashed with Mr Waldegrave's news that top civil servants will face competition for their jobs from industrialists and that Whitehall posts will be contracted out to private companies, it can only be a matter of time before someone sacks the sackers and puts MPs' jobs out to

There is clear evidence that some politicians' jobs have already gone out to private contract. Outsiders like Sebastian Coe. Glenda Jackson and the bouncy Gyles Brandreth have been plucked from the worlds of sport, drama and "popular entertainment" to replace MPs who were not pulling their weight and who would not know how to host a TV quiz show if you paid them and gave them their own

This is a trend that is being mirrored elsewhere in a way that must be warming Mr Major's heart. What is Ross Perot if not a private tenderer for the job of American president? And look how novelists, who might well win fancy prizes but who can't sell 200,000 copies in hard-back at £15.99 are being replaced by blonde socialites like Ivana Trump, who this was sublishes bethis week publishes her ghost-written blockbuster

novel, For Love Alone. Mr Rifkind, taking his first questions in the house as defence minister yester-day, proved the rationale of the job-swap policy: who better to oversee the run-ning down of our defence forces under Options For Change than the man who proved so masterly, in his previous job at transport, at running down Britain's rail services?

"I attach very consider-able importance to ensuring that the force levels are appropriate to the demands expected of our armed forces," he told the House. "Substantial savings can be made and are appropriate at the present time." So if you need to call up your local regiment for help with troublesome neighbours expect long de-lays, especially if you live in

ing through other government departments. too. Mr Hurd was also in the house, offering tough talk on Yn-goslavia in a bid to save his own job from going out to conder "We home that the tender. "We hope that the mandatory provisions of United Nations Security Council Resolution 757 will convince the Belgrade lead-ership that they must abandon their present policies," he announced solemnly. "We must bring home to Mr Milosevic and his sup-porters that the international community cannot

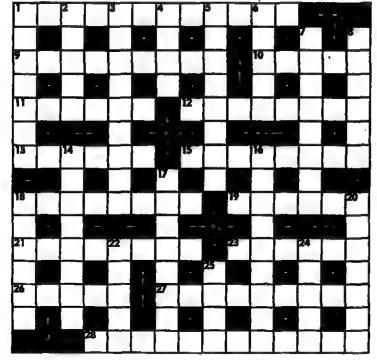
tolerate his present policy." Gerald Kaufman, putting his head above the parapet for Labour, replied that the United Nations sanetions should be enforced." It was all rather tame for the normally terrier-like Mr Kaufman. His heart was clearly not in it. The reason soon became clear. It has dawned on Mr Kaufman that under Westminster's new system of competitive tendering he might well lose his job as shadow for-eign secretary. So yesterday he revealed he was taking the initiative, throwing in the towel and retreating to the back benches to better serve the nation.

Mon, but faces competition from private challengers, who feel they could better represent Britain's interests abroad. Snapping at his heels are Charles Bronson, who reckons he could bring Mr Milosevic to heel by his own methods. and the charismatic Dame Edna Everidge, who feels that her natural housewife ly charm would win Britain new friends and diplomatic punch abroad, although she is refusing to wear a green Loden coat.

Then there is the big question mark over the auther of the Citizens' Char-ter and Whitehall sacker-in-chief, John Major himself. Is he the right man to represent us in Rio?

There is a well-groomed chap who sits near Major on the government front bench and who feels he competitive private tender

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,935



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Concise Crossword, page 11 Life & Times section

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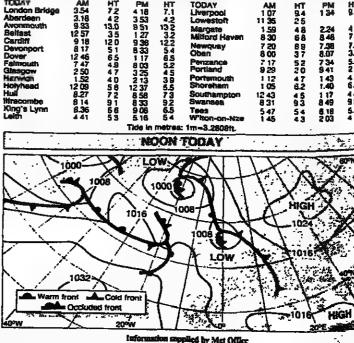
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Tesco opens the first in a new line of Metro pop-in stores in Covent Garden in two weeks, spurring Sir Ian MacLaurin.

chairman, on to greater

HARD SELL

Selling shares and life insurance may soon be as much fun as advertising cigarettes if regulators have their way Page 21

LOST GRIP



John Elliott, the Australian brewing magnate, has lost his grip on Foster's, owner of the Courage chain Page 21

BUYING OUT

TSB is buying out its. Channel Islands division for £36.7 million and merging the offshore operations of Hill Samuel

SHARE WATCHING



French regulators are studying the movement of shares in Europunnel, the group building the Channel tunnel. Page 20

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Cash boost to offer for Midland

HK Bank aims for knockout with £3.9bn bid

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

HONGKONG Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday delivered an increased £3.9 billion final bid for Midland Bank, intended as a knockout blow to win within three weeks. HSBC lifted its offer to 471p a share and introduced a key 65p-a-share cash ele-

ment. In reply, Lloyds Bank called an emergency board meeting on Friday when it is expected to lift its own conditional offer to as much as

540p a share. The increased bld from HSBC Holdings, the holding company of Hongkong Bank, is 120 shares and £65 in bonds or cash for every 100 shares in Midland. The bank has also underwritten the bonds to allow shareholders to receive cash. The value of

the bid increased to 480p as Hongkong Bank's shares rose on the local stock market. This compares with a previous value of 457p while Lloyds' conditional offer, referred to the monopolies commission two weeks ago, is

worth 462p.
HSBC has used its strong share price, which has risen by HK\$8 (57p) since the bid egan, to enhance its terms. The previous offer was 118 shares and £50 in bonds for every 100 shares.

Hongkong Bank has also moved the deadline of the bid forward after pressure from Midland. The new closing date for the offer is June 25, although the bank can still fall back on the original July 7 final closing date. The bank stressed this is a final offer,

more than three weeks earlier than the deadline for final offers under takeover panel

O&Y office staff made redundant

By Angela Mackay and Philip Robinson

ERNST & Young, administrator of Olympia & York Canary Wharf, has dismissed almost one quarter of the company's office staff in the first round of belt tightening since being appointed last Thursday.

The administrator said further redundancies - in addition to the 44 announced will be made as some of the group's activities are completed. Ernst & Young said that the 218 employees involved in estate management would be left largely untouched. The existing services to tenants must be maintained otherwise the administrator would be in breach of its landlord's covenants.

The administrator had been scheduled to discuss possible government support with cabinet representatives, however the meeting appears to have been postponed. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, announced in the Commons that about 2,000 civil servants would move to Docklands, subject to successful negotiations because "exceptional value for money may now be secured in Docklands" but did not specify

SEXTY per cent of Exco Inter-

that the staff would be moving to Canary Wharf. Tenants and their repre-

sentatives will start meeting the administrator today to discuss which of the incentives offered by O&Y will be maintained. A spokesman for Hanson,

the international conglomerate interested in considering an offer for Canary Whar said the company had asked the administrator for information. Meanwhile, a leading Swedish bank could force

Olympia & York Developments into seeking bankruptcy protection for its \$4.5 billion American operations that have so far escaped being placed under the jurisdiction of a court.

Svenska Handelsbanken has filed court papers demanding early repayment of an unsecured credit line of between \$10 million and \$15 million that falls due next January, but is now technically in default.

O&Y says it will fight the legal action. However, analysts say if the bank wins in court, the move could force O&Y to file for American bankruptcy protection.

rules. HSBC was also keen to make its final offer before it holds its extraordinary meeting next week to ask shareholders to approve the bid. The timing of the announcement means it can publish the terms of the final offer before the meeting.

HSBC was forced to improve the terms of its bonds to ensure they were underwritten. They are still ten-year bonds, but the interest coupon has been raised from 1.6 to 2.4 per cent above the equivalent gilt. The £454 million issue has been underwritten by Midland's and HSBC's advisers as well as Credit Suisse First Boston.

Sir Peter Walters, Midland chairman, said: "We are delighted to recommend this final offer, which secures demonstrable value for our shareholders."

Brian Pearse, Midland's chief executive, said: "We always wanted some cash for our shareholders and now they have the option." He had urged HSBC to speed up the bid battle because it was durnaging Midland's business. Mr Pearse warned share-

holders that HSBC may not rebid if they reject and that Midland's board are unlikely to recommend a future offer. 'If this is not right, then the only alternative is independence. Lloyds stands no chance of coming through the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and shareholders cannot assume that HSBC will rebid or our board

will risk being rejected twice." Midland shareholders said tuch morric mall filling art offers were on the table before deciding whether to take the terms or wait for the chance of a higher Lloyds bid. One said: "This is getting better all the time. There is no reason to rush, and we want all the information before we make a Lloyds countered Hong-

kong's improved offer with a statement that slammed HSBC's bid and urged Midland's shareholders to do nothing. "In the longer term. a merger of HSBC and Midland would not address the fundamental structural problems facing the banking sector," it said. Lloyds is said to have been prepared for an increased offer from HSBC and is expected to lift its terms well above 500p.

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Workers to buy slice of Exco

By Jonathan Prynn bought a 27.3 per cent stake

national, a British and Comfor £20.5 million. It was formonwealth subsidiary and merly the biggest shareholder one of the world's largest in B & C but sold out in 1987. money brokers, will be sold to The other institutions ininstitutions and employees. clude Fleming Investment The announcement came Management and Gartmore Investment. Employees have bought shares and share op-tions that could give them a nearly two years to the day after British & Commonwealth went into administra-

15 per cent holding. tion. Exco was bought by British & Commonwealth for The transaction, arranged £673 million in 1986. by NM Rothschild, is unusual because the administrators Yesterday's deal, which values Exco at £75 million, inhave retained a 40 per cent volved a placing of 45 per stake in Exco. Stephen Adamson, one of the joint cent of the shares with five institutions led by Caledonia administrators and a partner Investments. Caledonia has in Ernst & Young, said: "I

believe that we have provided a creative solution to the administration of Exco's parent company with an unusually beneficial result: a tangible return now and a substantial holding in a business whose management has every incentive to succeed."

Richard Lacy, group chief executive of Exco. said: "From an operating point of view, it is far better that a company in administration has only a 40 per cent stake rather than 100 per cent." Exco's pre-tax profits for the year to end-December were £18.5 million (£25 million) .



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THE pay of Roy Watts, chairman of Thames Water, fell from £160,000 to £145,000 in the year to end-March, because senior managers did not reach the threshold for bonuses set by non-executive directors, leaving executive directors' pay down nearly 10 per cent. (Graham Searjeant

The target for growth in earnings per share was not met because of a 4 per cent cut in metered supplies due to the recession, which affected

Thames raised pre-tax profit 11 per cent to £236 million and increased its dividend 10.3 per cent to 19.2p from earnings up 9.4 per cent to 54.8p per share. Thames shares dipped lp to 444p.

Capital spending on the utility business reached £395 million and is likely to stay near that level for the rest of the decade. The London ring main is six months ahead of schedule and Mike Hoffman, the chief executive, hopes it will be finished a year ahead of target. The group's new customer service centre at Swindon should also be opened ahead of schedule and at below budget cost.

Mr Watts said Thames saw its duty as maintaining customer supplies and therefore hoped to avoid hosepipe bans this summer despite lack of rain. If shortages occurred, Thames would ask for voluntary restraint.

A programme to speed up detection of leaks has helped to reduce the rate of leakage from 25 per cent before privatisation to 18 per cent. Mr Hoffman said the leakage rate had fallen a point in the past nine months that saved potential investment costs of \$60 million. Abstraction from the threatened River Darenth

has been cut to 70 per cent of much effective competition

into this industry."

Thames increased the Mr Watts said managers of number of executive share utilities must expect to live options for directors and others by between 10 per cent with criticism and had a duty to be answerable to the puband 20 per cent during the year at market prices per lic. "A monopoly with a regulator is harder to manage share of 350p to 360p. The increases top up permitted both internally and externallevels of options to account for ly" he said. "Mike Hoffman salary rises. and I would prefer to be operating in competitive busi-

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Bankers to consider Macmillan flotation

By Angela Mackay

THE administrators of Maxwell Communication Corporation are finalising proposals to put before bank creditors in two weeks, when both parties are likely to opt for a flotation of Macmillan and Official Airline Guides. the collapsed group's biggest assets in America.

Mark Homan, one of the administrators from Price Waterhouse, has flown to New York to consult JP Morgan, the Wall Street investment bank advising the administrators. They are putting the final touches on the proposals, which will offer banks an equity stake in a new company in return for part of their debt.

One of the last matters to be settled is the tax implications of such a deal, though this is expected to be finalised by the meeting of creditors on June 18. A flotation of Macmillan and OAG was always considered possible because it appeared that these businesses. which were bought in 1989 for almost \$3 billion, were ring-fenced from the rest of the group.

The administrators were faced with several alternatives ranging from piecemeal dis-posal, sale of the assets as a whole, retaining them pending an upturn in the American economy, reorganising the group as a new entity, providing new shares to creditors in lieu of debt or a combination of these.

The administrators are known to want to remove the uncertainty hanging over MCC's two healthy bus-

At a meeting of creditors last month, Mr Homan said he was considering legal action against past and present directors of MCC. If he presses ahead, these writs are also likely to be issued by June 18.

Price Waterhouse has told creditors that MCC's liabilmillion and that the ultimate figure is likely to be even higher, suggesting creditors will receive even less than half their claims. So far, disposals have raised only £75 million compared with gross liabilities of £1.5 billion.

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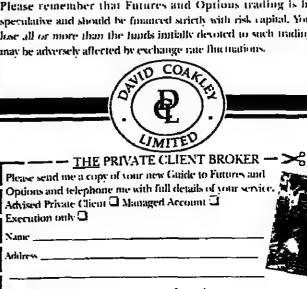
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Court freezes accountant's assets BY PAUL WILKINSON

> name the man, or to say whether he was still employed by Ernst & Young. An internal enquiry was launched last month by senior staff at the firm after a formal complaint over the management of a client's investment portfolio. Mr Pinder said the freezing order was obtained on May 22 on the advice of Ernst & Young's lawyers. Clifford Chance, the

London firm. The figure of £2 million did not represent an amount of missing cash but had been decided on as a "precautionary"

The enquiry was at an early stage and

extended period. The order, obtained at a private chambers hearing, also required that the employee should hand over certain documents relating to the investments. Simi-

Officers from the West Yorkshire Police fraud squad had been called in, but are awaiting the results of the inter-

nal investigation.

Ernst & Young's Leeds office, confirmed yesterday that the investigation centred how much, if any, money was missing on the activities of a senior manager at a had not yet been determined. The West Yorkshire branch. He declined to

LAWYERS acting for Ernst & Young.

the City accountancy firm, have ob-

tained a High Court order freezing up to

E2 million of the personal assets of one of

its investment managers. Enquiries are continuing into the possible disappear-

Fraud squad detectives are waiting to

question the manager in a private clinic

in Harrogate. North Yorkshire. He has

been a patient there since shortly after

John Pinder, managing partner at

the enquiry began last month.

ance of clients' funds.

amount involved in the order would be 'more than adequate" to cover any client's capital that might be at risk. There was no suggestion that the alleged irregularities had taken place over an

lar instructions were also directed to a number of other individuals and several companies.

Bourse launches **Eurotunnel** enquiry

BY ROSS TIEMAN

AN enquiry into recent price movements of shares in Eurotunnel, the Franco-British company building the Channel tunnel, has been launched by the French stock exchange regulator.

The London Stock Exchange is co-operating with the Commission des Opérations de Bourse (COB), which is examining fluctuations in the shares in recent months. A spokeswoman for the COB said the enquiry had been triggered by a sharp fall

in the price last week after remarks by Martin Bouygues, the chairman of Bouygues, the construction group, which is a member of the tunnel contracting M Bouygues was said to

have told a news conference on May 26 that talks between Eurotunnel and contractors. to resolve a battle over cost overruns were deadlocked and he could not rule out Eurotunnel going bankrupt. A Eurotunnel spokesman said: "We understand that the COB has been conducting some enquiries following a statement by Martin Bouygues. We would be happy to co-operate if they require our help."

Recent statements from Eurotunnel have given the impression that the company is making progress towards a resolution of additional claims totalling £1.2 billion by contractors. Sir Alastair Morton, the chief executive, has confirmed that the contractors have been offered shares as part of a settlement.

TSB bids to bring Jersey firm back into the fold

TSB Group has launched a £36.7 million bid for the 49 per cent of TSB Channel Islands it does not already own. The bank said the merg-er would enable it to offer a broader range of offshore deposit and investment prod-ucts and merge the offshore businesses of Hill Samuel, its merchant banking arm.

TSB is offering 250p a share in cash for the bank, which values it at £75 million. There is a part-paper alternative of seven TSB Group shares and 13p in cash for every four shares in TSBCI, worth 259p a share at yesterday's stock market prices.

The bid comes a year after the Jersey bank revealed that the police were investigating irregularities in its foreign exchange department. A dealer who has since left the bank exceeded his dealing limits to conceal losses.

The bank was forced to make a £5.79 million provision to cover the position, which pushed it into a loss of £483,000 in the half year to April 1991.

Later, George Thain, TSBCI's chief executive, took early retirement.

Yesterday, TSBCI reported a recovery in first-half profits to £4.77 million. The bank said the figures were satisfactory, although the recession in Britain had reduced growth in retail deposits and cut demand for loans.

Don McCrickard, TSB's chief executive, said the merger would enable



Leading a push for unity: Don McCrickard, the bank group's chief executive

group to rationalise its offshore businesses. "The opportunity to get the business totally integrated is great because we can enhance the business flows," he said.

TSBCI was given a separate quote in 1986, when the main TSB Group came to the market. The bank was hived off to solve local shareholders' tax difficulties. TSB Group promised never to open in competition with the bank in

agreement was tested a year later, when TSB bought Hill Samuel, which had a Channel Islands subsidiary. TSB was forced to sell Hill Samuel Bank (Jersey) to TSBCI, although it retained Hill Samuel's investment services business in the Channel

When the bid is completed, TSB will reunite the two halves of Hill Samuel in Jersey as part of its plan to create a full private banking busi-

ness with Hill Samuel TSBCI will continue to offer offshore banking and treasury services within the

group.
Shares in TSBCI soured by 93p to 246p after the sur-prise announcement of the bid yesterday. Some com-mentators criticised the bid as too high but Mr McCrickard said it put the shares on a p/e ratio of only eight after discounting the cost of the

Spending weakens profits at Metro

By PHILIP PANGALOS

DVERTISING revenue at Metro Radio Group rose 16.5 per cent in the first half but the USM-quoted commercial radio group, which is based in Newcastle upon Tyne, suffered a slight dip in pre-tax profit.

The figure slipped from E709,000 to £670,000 in the six months to end-March, as heavy capital expenditure and an increase in net interest payable to £145,000 (£73,000) took their toll. Gearing rose to about 150

per cent at the interim stage, against 100 per cent at the last year-end. John Josephs, finance director, said the group's capital expenditure programme is complete and "strong cash-flow" is expected in the second half. Much of the investment

has been at the Yorkshire stations, where advertising revenue bucked the trend with a 43 per cent advance, although aggregate total revenue at Metro and TFM feli 1 per cent.

Mr Josephs said there are some tentative signs of an upturn. "With a little bit of help from the economy, we will really start to motor," he added. Eric Lawrence has been appointed to the board and will eventually take over as finance director, replacing Mr Josephs, who will become chief executive when Neil Robinson, the chairman and chief executive, retires at the end of the year.

Earnings (ell to 2.64p (3.05p) a share. The interim dividend stays at 1.5p. The shares lost 18p to 196p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

British Bio-tech plans offer to raise £30m

BRITISH Bio-technology, a drug research company based in Oxford, proposes to raise at least £30 million through an international share offer next month. The company said shares would be priced at between 400p and 450p, valuing

shares would be priced at between 400p and 450p, valuing the company at £152 million at mid-point. The final prospectus will be published in early July.

Shares will be traded in London and New York. Kleinwort Benson is lead manager of the UK and international tranche of the offer, with Morgan Stanley lead manager in America. Up to 10 per cent of the UK shares will be reserved for allocation to members of the London Stock Exchange. British Bio-technology is raising money to fund its drug programme, which includes an Aide money to fund its drug programme, which includes an Aids vaccine and an anti-cancer drug.

HunterPrint cuts loss

HUNTERPRINT, the ailing magazine printer under a new management chaired by Sir Ian MacGregor, has reduced operating losses by E2 million in the six months to end-March. Operating losses fell to £2.3 million [£4.3 million loss), reflecting increased sales and margins. Pre-tax losses were £3.8 million (£4.7 million loss). Sir lan said that the company's advanced printing plant in Corby had increased efficiency 65 per cent in the last 15 months. There is once again no interim dividend.

BCCI compensation TOUCHE Ross. liquidator of the Bank of Credit and

Commerce International, has clarified terms of a proposed scheme to compensate creditors. A dividend of between 30 and 40 per cent would be paid, funded by a contribution from the Abu Dhabi government and asset sales. The liquidator said creditors should not be misled by reports that Abu Dhabi alone would cover the dividend. A High Court hearing on Monday will try to resolve differences between creditors, shareholders and the liquidators.

Doubts hit Eurocopy

EUROCOPY, the photocopier supplier that was the subject of allegations over the selling practices of some subsidiaries, said it had been affected by uncertainty about the company during an Office of Fair Trading investigation and the recession. The enquiry ended in January when the OFT said it would not revoke any of Eurocopy's 18 consumer credit licences. Interim pre-tax profits for the half year to end-March were £720,000 (£3.7 million) and earnings per share 1p (5.01p). The interim dividend is held at 1.1p.

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the investment ombudsman.

said yesterday in his annual

Mr Youard said many in-

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relation to the investment they were buying. Inexperienced investors were often over-

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Reserves

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The strength of the pound,

despite a half-point cut in base rates early in the month, allowed Britain's official gold and currency reserves to swell by an underlying \$77 million in May, Bank of England

Economists expect total re-

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Del Monte up

The sale of a South African subsidiary, reaping £6.45 million net, helped boost pre-tax profits at Del Monte Foods International (DMFI), the European processed food business, by 45 per cent to £24.7 million in the year ended November 29, 1991. The company is floating on the London Stock Exchange within the next nine months.

picture of modest recovery.

Payout pegged

High Gosforth Park, the racecourse and golf course owner, is maintaining its dividend at 15p a share, despite a pre-tax loss of \$46,200 in the year to end-December, compared with a profit of £37,460 last time. Turnöver slipped to E1.04 million (£1.1 million). There is an 83p deficit per share (earnings of 31.1p).

Perpetual leap

Perpetual, the manager of United Kingdom and offshore unit trusts, is raising its inter-im dividend to 1.2p a share, against 0.8p, after first-half profits more than doubled to £2.18 million in the six months to end-March, against £903,000. Turnover surged to £121.3 million (£60.3 million). Earnings rise to 6.14p a share (2.37p). -

Helene raises cash

Helene, the London fashion wear company, is to raise £4.58 million through a placing and open offer, to provide additional working capital to finance an increase in turnover. The company said that sales in the first four months of the year were well up on the same period in 1991. The 24 million shares are offered at 20.5p on a one-for-three basis, against a market price yesterday of 22.5p.

Ombudsman urges stronger warnings on risk to investors

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY JUNE 3 1992

By Sara McConnell

ments and did not attach enough significance to the

He said: "What in my view is required as a matter of urgency is the abandonment of the present warning and its substitution in a prominent form by such words as 'you may get back less than you

The number of cases dealt with by the investment ombudsman fell last year, against expectations from his office, with only 67 cases being sent to Mr Youard by the Investment Management Regula-tory Organisation (Imro) compared with 89 in the year

to March 1991. The ombudiaman's case load is about one tenth of the total number of complaints received about investment advis-ers and companies by Imro because the majority do not have to be referred to the ombudsman.

Mr Youard said of the fell in cases: "Whether this is a reflection of better responsiveness on the part of the securities industry or a symptom of the recession with greater investor reliance on 'safe invest-ments' is difficult to say." The ombudsman found in

favour of the complainant in about half the cases. The largest amount paid as a result of settlement tripled from £8,715 to £25,031 because one complaint was settled in favour of a large investor.

The total paid out by the scheme was £114,272. The amounts claimed ranged from £100 to £127,644 but the smallest amount paid out was

Imro is considering whether to change its rules to bring trustees of unit trusts within the ombudsman's jurisdiction but has not made a decision. It turned down a previous re-quest from Mr Youard, who has been pressing for the expansion of his role since last

He said: "I have had cases

manager was to blame, there also appeared to be a failure by the trustee to carry out its legal duties. Where the manager is insolvent I might be able to produce justice by going after the trustee." Mr Youard is not seeking to bring pension fund trustees within his scope.

☐ Creditors yesterday appointed Neil Cooper and Nigel Ruddock, of Robson Rhodes, the chartered accountant, as joint liquidators of Bob Gordon Financial Services, of Kent, and Oxted Financial Services, of Surrey. The companies had been under investigation by the Securities and Investments Board (SIB).
It is believed the companies

were running an unregulated collective investment scheme. A spokesman for the liquidators said it appeared that 40 investors were missing up to £1 million. Money invested in the companies' scheme is believed to have been used to fund bridging loans.

Oxted Financial Services was suspended last Friday by the financial intermediaries, managers and brokers regulatory association (Fimbra). The Association said Oxted had been operating an unregulat-ed collective investment scheme while not authorised to do so and has mishandled clients' money. Bob Gordon Financial Services was not a member of Fimbra, the liqui-

Mr Ruddock said: "We have only just begun our investigation but we are clearly facing a highly complicated financial situation. Some of the creditors may be covered the Investors Compensation Scheme but we do not

know how many. We have started work to track down where the assets are and exactly how much they

There will be a creditors' meeting on June 15, at a venue to be announced and notices will be circulated to all



Potent chemistry despite recession: Peter Flesher, managing director

Allied Colloids distils payout rise

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

ALLIED Colloids, which makes water treatment chemicals for the paper, pollution control and mining industries, is raising its dividend after an 8.3 per cent advance in pre-

Earnings climbed from £38.9 million to £42.1 million in the year to March 31, helped by lower raw material prices and better production performance. Relatively flat second-half sales meant that turnover climbed only 9.3 per cent, to £254.5 million. About 84 per cent of the total was

overseas. Recession held back performance and Allied's hopes of boosting business with Yugoslavia and the former Soviet republics were dashed by the "very disturbed situations" in those areas.

The group, headed by Peter Flesher, managing director, reported that paper and mining worldwide were de-pressed, giving little scope for price increases. Cuts were necessary in some areas because of competition. Gordon Senior, finance di-

rector, said lower raw material

prices had been offset by adverse exchange rate movements. Capital expenditure, at £16.9 million, continued at a high level; most of it was to improve plant and increase output. Hydrolabs, an American company that makes speciality chemicals for the textile industry, was acquired last December for \$18 million.

The dividend is raised to 3.9p (3.5p) for the year, with a proposed final payout of 3.02p (2.70p).

It made a marginal contribu-

Pathology group founder sells out

By MICHAEL TATE

JEAN Shanks, who founded Britain's only quoted independent pathology company, JS Pathology (JSP), is selling out for £12 million cash. The buyer is Corning, a \$6.8 billion American combine. which is bidding £23.1 million for the entire share capital of

Dr Shanks, the company's chairman, has agreed to accept Corning's cash offer of 175p a share in respect of her 52.2 per cent shareholding, and is recommending other shareholders to follow suit.

Corning, a New York group with wide-ranging manufacturing interests in the chemical and scientific fields, moved into laboratory testing services in 1982, when it bought MetPath. It sold Metpath's UK operation to JSP for £4.6 million in 1986, but is keen to expand into the highly fragmented European market. and sees JSP as the ideal platform. Conceived by Dr

Shanks in 1958, JSP, which offers clinical pathology services to consultants, arrived on the Unlisted Securities Market in 1985 through a placing at 160p a share. At one point in 1987 Dr Shanks's stake was valued at £47 million, with the shares at 685p.

Before the announcement that discussions were taking place, the shares were languishing at a little above 100p. Results disclosed yesterday show that for the year to end-March, pre-tax profits more than halved from £2.66 million to £1-25 million on a marginally increased purnover

of £1 1.5 million. Clinical laboratory testing is a \$30 billion market in America, where Corning claims the second-largest operation, it promises that JSP will "continue to operate as an autonomous business under its own management", with Dr Shanks remaining as chair-

BHP moves to take control of Foster's

From Brian Buchanan in sydney

BHP, Australia's biggest company, has taken effective control of Foster's Brewing, which owns the Courage operation in Britain. It did so by forcing John Elliott's International Brewing Investments into

BHP called in an A\$1 billion (£414 million) debt owed by Mr Elliott's International Brewing Holdings and appointed a receiver to IBI, the main operating arm that holds a 32 per cent controlling

Another IBH subsidiary still holds a 6 per cent stake in the international brewer, which also has operations in North America. BHP is negotiating with IBH's main lending syn-dicate to acquire its A\$1.2 billion debt to give BHP first security over the 32 per cent stake. The move may lead to Mr Elliott and other IBH representatives leaving the Foster's board and being re-

placed by a BHP team. Mr

Elliott, who was overseas, is expected to decide by the end of the week whether to make a legal challenge to the receiver's appointment.

BHP's move appears to have been precipitated by the proposed merger between Foster's and SA Brewing. But the BHP action is not seen as a direct threat to the merger itself. John Prescott, BHP's managing director, said that some aspects of the merger proposal had "merit".

Mr Prescott said his group was not prepared to allow a "fire sale" of Foster's shares and, if necessary, BHP would buy IBI's Foster's shares from the receivers and wait until the share price improved in the hope of recovering its A\$1

A spokesman for Courage said the move had no direct implications for the British brewing operation except in that the business was owned

New nations give De La Rue a boost

By Michael Tate

DEMAND for new banknotes and passports from the new nations of eastern Europe swelled turnover within De La Rue's security printing divi-sion last year, and helped the group check in with a 29.4 per cent pre-tax profit increase, from £58.9 million to £76.2 million in the year to March

Eastern European orders added 10 per cent to banknote turnover, while the drive by Jeremy Marshall, chief executive, on cost containment lifted profit margins for the entire division from 14.9 to 19.1 per



cent. Shareholders collect a final dividend of 1 I.5p. giving them 15p for the year, against 13.75p previously, and in line with last year's rights issue forecast. It is twice covered by earnings, which rose by 17.7 per cent to 30.6p. Inter Innovation, the Swed-

ish payments systems business acquired for £94.7 million last autumn, contributed £2.3 million in respect of its four months within the group, and promises much more. As the dominant UK player in automated telling machines, described by Mr Marshall as "an embryonic market". it hopes to benefit from the expected trend towards openhall banking in Britain.

II helped lift the payments systems division's profits by 41.2 per cent to £23.3 million. The division also benefited from a particularly strong performance at Garny, its 93 per cent-owned German

De La Rue, which raised £160.6 million at the time of the acquisition through a rights issue, ended the year with net cash of £111.5

expects

JA DEVENISH, the West Country pubs operator, is expecting a renewed hostile bid from Boddington Group. which a year ago narrowly failed to take control and still holds almost 20 per cent. when the pubs and hotels group is allowed to return to the fray on June 18.

guard," said John Clark, the Devenish deputy chairman and chief executive. Devenish announced pre-

"We have to be on our

tax profits of £4.24 million in the six months to end-March, ahead from £2.09 million last time because of the decision to withdraw from the loss-making brewing operation and concentrate on pubs. The half-way dividend is raised from 1.2p to 1.5p. Boddington returned to the

attack. Denis Cassidy, chair-man, said: "As Devenish is interim level of 1990."

Devenish new bid

BY MAKTIN WALLER

now a pub retailing business, both the company's management and shareholders must be disappointed that pub operating profits are lower than at the same stage last year and show no growth from the

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Tempus, page 22 Japanese lesson for the French

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THROUGHOUT the world, it is a custom to mock one's own country, yet spring energetically to its defence in the face of foreign criticism. The French. after centuries of intermittent combat with Britain, are especially sensitive to sniping from across the channel.

Yet Walter Eltis, chairman of Britain's National Economic Development Council is preparing to throw caution to the winds, in a speech at L'institut de L'Entreprise, the French business research body, in Paris, he will today lecture his audience on the blessings of

Japanese competition. Despite the departure from office two months ago of France's arch Japan-basher, Edith Cressoo, the former prime minister, this is a subject on which many French people retain a deep ambivalence. Admiration of Japanese consumer products is tinged with frustration at the failure of French national champions. from Thomson in electronics to Renault in cars, to match the success of the ali-

conquering Japanese. Dr Eltis, in his direct, donnish way, will present an analysis many in his audience will find uncomfortable. The Japanese should be welcomed with open arms, he has concluded. Any other strategy betrays both European consumers and the prospects of European industry. Japan has an undoubted competitive edge in some products, Dr Eltis believes. Yet if Japanese access to the European market were restricted, competing European production would become unsaleable elsewhere in the world. "West Europeans would sell inferior cars, consumer electronics and computers to each other

while the rest of the world bought from

superior product ranges. All the industries that used these inferior products] would suffer, with the result that a further swathe of European industry would become uncompetitive". As a result, "more and more industries would require protection".

Dr Eltis also dismissed the use of subsidies to help European companies compete with Japanese rivals. British efforts to do this through nationalisation and state-sponsored restructuring dur-ing the 1970s had frequently been a disaster, he said. Subsidies for research and development were also of dubious

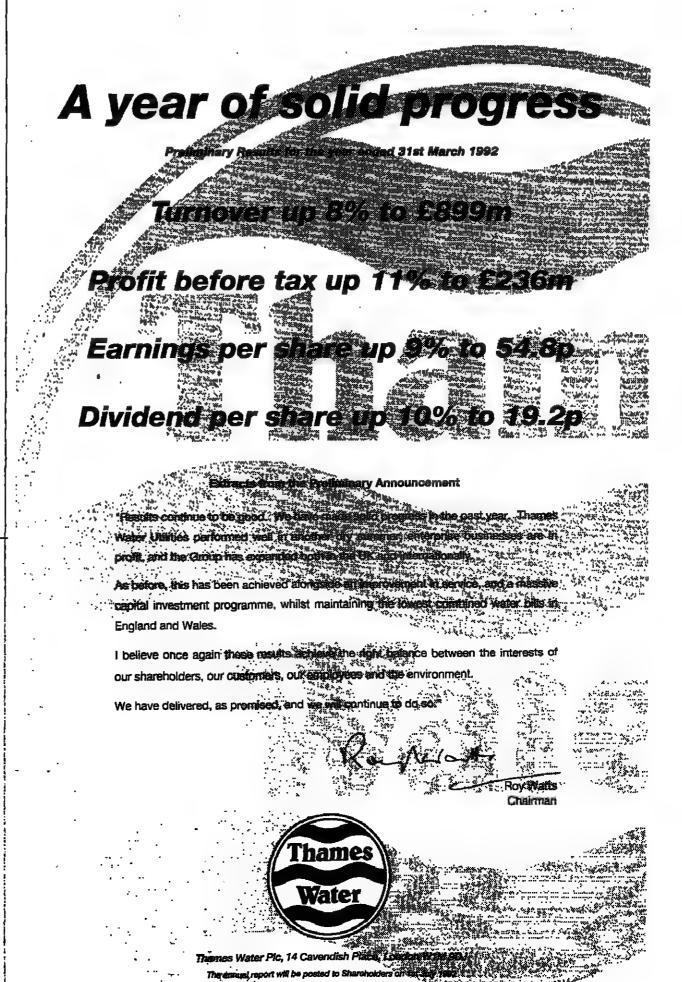
Britain had more recently welcomed the Japanese with open arms. As a result. the UK had become the most popular destination for Japanese investment in Europe, and the efficiency of much of British industry had been transformed.

"If companies are already efficient, they have nothing to fear from Japanese competition. If they are not, they should hasten to get the Japanese into their countries to demonstrate what needs to be done at tirst hand," Dr Eltis believes. "Japanese entry into a small percentage of manufacturing can act as the catalyst that transforms whole industries."

Quite how French managers will respond to that suggestion remains to be seen. The success of many Japanese concerns already established in France seems to suggest that the real resistance lies, not among shopfloor workers and the consumer, but among bureaucrats

and managers. The new administration of Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, has already eschewed public antagonism toward the Japanese. A call for a more public display of welcome is not out of tune with the times. But coming from a Briton, it may prove hard to swallow.

Passport to France, L&T section



TEMPUS

Changing nations benefit De La Rue

Rue would be happy for Yugoslavia, not to say the former Soviet Union, to break into a thousand pieces. Demand for new banknotes from nations reborn in eastern Europe added 10 per cent to the paper money printing division's turnover

De La Rue believes the raising of the Iron Curtain increased the share of the world's banknotes market available to the private sector. from 9 to 12 per cent.

With the parallel requirement for passports, augmented by a growing western appetite for the machine-readable type, this has re-vived a business that had been looking mature. Given management conviction that there remains scope for further margin improvement, on top of the four points wrung out in the past year, security printing begins to look capable of holding its own in the earnings growth stakes in the medium term.

The main De La Rue story this year is about the Inter Innovation acquisition completed last November. Openhall banking has swept through Germany and Spain,

British and American branch networks. It seems a fair bet that II's automatic telling machines will replace many of the 50,000 staff that UK banks expect to lose in the

Group pre-tax profits should challenge the £100 million mark this year, to Group produce earnings in the 36p-37p range. At 594p, on a prospective multiple of more than 16, the shares are up with events, but are a sounder medium-term hold than they used to be.

JA Devenish

Some decidedly warlike noises from both the JA Devenish and Boddington Group camps should not be taken as a reliable indication of an immediate outbreak of hostilities once Boddington, frustrated in last year's £128 million takeover battle, is allowed to bid again on June

Michael Cannon, the Devenish chairman, has pledged the inevitable bloody fight if Boddington renews the assault, while using the example of the



Ready to do battle: Michael Cannon of Devenish

current Greene King bid for Morland to indicate a takeout price way in excess of E3

Boddington merely poured cold lager on interim figures from Devenish yesterday that showed that the recession and the need to refur-bish some of the estate had watered down the benefits of the exit from brewing almost

a year ago. Boddington still sits on a

stake of almost 20 per cent, and the decision not to place the shares must indicate ome temptation to rebid.

Whitbread Investment Company has almost 15 per cent, having supported the bidder last time but having no pressing need now, post MMC restructuring of the beer industry, to sell. Operating profits from Devenish were 3 per cent lower at £5.85 million, but the change of corporate direction and a consequent terest line and left pre-tax profits more than doubled from £2.09 million to £4.24

For this year, Philip Morrisey at Warburg Securi-ties is looking for £14 mil-lion, putting the shares exproperty on an expensive prospective rating of 16.5. Unsupportable unless Bod-dington chooses to come

Powell Duffryn

POWELL Duffryn has sever-al distinctions of which it can be proud, among them its success in seeing off a hostile bid from Hanson in 1984. Also, despite three years of failing profits, it has kept faith with shareholders by holding the annual dividend at 22.6p a share, although cover is down to 1.1 times.

The group senses that the economic tide could soon be turning. Pre-tax profits at million for the year ended March, against £28.9 million, surprised the entire market, and dissipated fears that the 1992 final dividend

jump in the share price to

The recession, com pounded by bad debts that were £400,000 higher at £2.7 million, made the 1992 trading background especially difficult. But while PD says the signs of an economic upturn are only tentative, analysts are confident enough to predict pre-tax profits could reach £30 million this year.

Gearing, clipped from 41 ser cent at the March 1991 balance sheet date to 31 per cent, has fallen further since the year-end, to below 20 per

The recently acquired ports of Tees and Hartlepool made a respectable two months' contribution. In time. PD could east its eye over other trust ports that might also be put up for sale.

PD is likely to concentrate on rebuilding dividend cover to between 1.5 and 1.75 times before feeling comfortable enough to pay out higher dividends. Meanwhile, the 7.6 per cent yield still looks attractive, and the shares, on 13.2 times prospective earnings, should be held.

WALL STREET

Dow edges higher

New York - Shares were mixed in early trading but blue chips edged higher as investors pushed the Dow past Monday's record close. Analysts said a 0.4 per cent rise in April's leading indicators had borne out recent signs that the recovery is in progress, but they said cau-tion prevailed. The Dow

up 5.96 points at 3,419.17 in early trading.
Ned Collins, executive vicepresident at Daiwa Securities, said: "I do believe that once we got through 3,400.

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pecision time the momentum is probable going to take us higher." □ Tokyo - The Nikkei aver. age rose 121 44 points to 18,125,55 in dull trade.

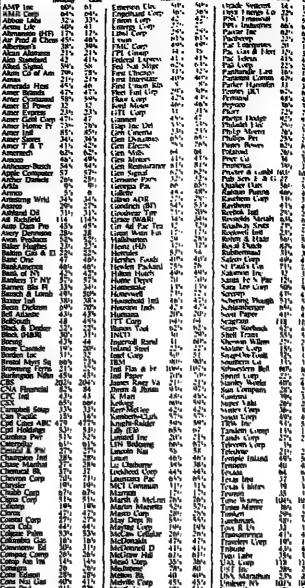
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☐ Frankfurt - Shares overcame early weakness and the Dax index closed 3 25 points higher at 1.801.30 (Reuter)



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STOCK MARKET

US selling gives drugs shares headache

MARKET-makers were left nursing headaches after heavy American selling of British pharmaceutical companies saw early gains in London wiped out.

The setback for London followed sharp falls for pharmaceutical companies suffered in New York, Bristol Myers Squibb, the third largest pharmaceutical company in America, sent shock waves through Wall Street by warning that second quarter earnings growth was likely to fall to single figures. It said that for the year as a whole growth was unlikely to match that achieved in 1991. This coincided with a profits downgrading of another pharmaceutical company. Johnson & Johnson.

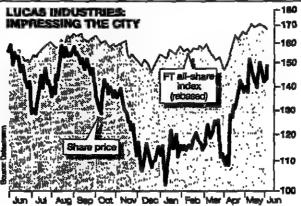
New York fund managers, who had begun switching out of the cyclical stocks and into the high pharmaceutical companies last week, fearing that the economic recovery may be some way off, were caught on the hop. They began selling the drug sector, including the British companies enjoying a US quote via an American Depository Receipt facility. The selling of the ADR's came straight through to prices in London where Glaxo fell 4 p to 770 pp. after touching 795p, and SmithKline Beecham 'A' eased 1p to 924p, after touching 940p, while the units retreated 35p to £41.25, after reaching £42.13. Wellcome also lost an early lead, finishing 1p cheaper at 971p. Earlier this week Wellcome had been hit by talk of competition for its anti-Aids treatment, Retrovir, - from Bristol Myers Squibb.

The rest of the equity market had enjoyed an early mark-up inspired by Wall Street's overnight record breaking run. The higher offer for Midland Bank also helped to fuel interest but trading remained thin with fewer than 500 million shares changing hands. However, the early setback for Wall Street in resumed trading left prices boiling over. The FT-SE 100 Index saw an early lead more than halved to end 8.3 up at 2.705.9.

A nervous US bond market left Government securities contemplating losses of E'a at

the longer end.

Midland Bank jumped 31p to 452p on learning of the increased terms from Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank valuing the entire group at £3.9 billion. HSBC has introduced a cash element into the terms, which are 120 new shares and £65 in bonds for every 100 shares in Midland. This tops the £3.8 billion terms being offered by rival Lloyds Bank, whose bid has been frozen after being referred to the



Monopolies and Mergers

Lloyds finished 7p cheaper at 432p. Lloyds said the offer from HSBC remained very dependent on it share price which had recently risen strongly on the volatile Hong

144 p after touching 148p. Dowty held steady at 173p, with the unwanted bid from TI Group, up 3p at 345p, due to expire on June 10. On Friday. Dowty is expected to unveil pre-tax profits of at least £29 million for the year ended last March, compared with £60.6 million last time. But brokers, such as County NatWest WoodMac, are more excited about prospects for the current

Kong stock market. Lloyds planned to make an announcement following Friday's board meeting.

Elsewhere in the banking sector, shares of TSB Bank Channel Islands soared 93p to 246p as the TSB decided to bid for the outstanding 49

tive worth 250p a share. TSB also added 2 p to

per cent of the shares it does

not already own. It is offering

seven new shares and 13p in

cash for every four TSBC1.

There is also a cash alterna-

year and have pencilled in a full-year figure of £50 million. supported by speculative buying, with some dealers claiming that it could be the next target for Lloyds if it loses its bid for Midland. Also regarded as a target for Lloyds is Royal Bank of Scotland. which previously fought off a

bid from the Hong Kong &

ing the shares for clients. The price responded with a rise of 9p to 367p. Standard Chartered was a late casualty, falling 17p to 481p as fears grew

Shanghai Bank Its shares

National Westminster con-

tinued to benefit from this

finished 5p better at 204p.

week's profits upgrading by stockbroker UBS Phillips & Drew which has started buythat it would have to make provisions way above the £50 million already set aside in the wake of the Bombay stock market scandal. The company said it still

regarded its original estimate as the best prudent assessment of the provisioning

JS Pathology jumped 16p to 170p as the bidder for the company finally emerged. Coming Inc has made an agreed offer of 175p valuing the entire company at £23. I million. Last year JS saw pretex profits tumble from £2.6 million to £1.2 million.

Full-year figures from Thames Water topped City expectations, with pre-tax profits coming in at £236.3 compared with £212 million last time. Total dividend has been increased from 17.15p to 19.2p. Profit-taking left the shares Ip lighter at 444p. Anglia, reporting tomorrow, firmed 1p to 428p.

Tarmac spent a nervous day, losing op at 128p after

being hit by a volley of profit downgradings ahead of next week's annual meeting which is expected to be a gloomy affair. Warburg, County Nat-West WoodMac, BZW and Smith New Court are now all taking a cautious stance on the shares.

There was further heavy turnover of Racal Electronics ahead of next week's figures with the price holding steady at 63p as 21 million shares changed hands. County Nat-West WoodMac reckons the demerger of Chubb values the company at 73p a share.

Dealings began again in Barcom, the old USM-quoted Venture plant hire group which was the subject of a reverse takeover last month. The shares ended at 116p. MICHAEL CLARK

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Decision time for Midland holders

fter years of suffering, Midland shareholders must be feeling better. William Purves. chairman of Hongkong Bank, has reluctantly reached into his coffers and increased his merger offer by £300 million. He is likely to be followed in short order by Brian Pitman, Lloyds' chief executive, who should make a conditional offer of well over £5 a share. Hongkong's offer, at a premium of 70 per cent over book value, is generous. After the bidding war closes it is time for the shareholders to make their minds up. The attractions of waiting for Lloyds are strong; the bank's conditional offer could be 60p higher than Hongkong's bid.

Midland's owners, however, should think carefully before rejecting a bid in the hand. Even if, and it is a big if. Lloyds is waved through by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, they will have to wait until November at the earliest before they receive their money. The cost of that time is about 15p a share. Then there is the uncertainty. Lloyds expects shareholders to take a lot on trust. The chance of its offer being cleared by the MMC at all is slim. If it is, the MMC is likely to impose onerous restrictions to prevent any dangerous concentration in the small business banking sector or money transmission. If Mr Pitman decides these are too onerous, he could simply tear up his commitment and disappear into the corridors of Lombard Steet.

If that happens, Midland's shareholders might discover that Mr Purves is not as ready to return as they expected. Even if he is, Midland has made it clear that it would not provide another recommendation if shareholders throw the current one in its face. If that happens, Hongkong Bank could be forced to wait a year before it could rebid. Midland shareholders are still wary of Hongkong Bank shares, in which case they could do far worse than sell

Making a splash

hames Water has given copybook answers, in almost all respects, to the shrill critics of the latest water-bashing season. Its capital spending on the utility business, which has reached a plateau at about £400 million, is running at about 1.7 times pre-tax profits. The London ring main is already six months ahead of schedule and could be finished a year ahead of its original 1996 target. It is already reducing abstractions from threatened rivers and helping Thames to avoid hosepipe bans. The high-tech consumer service centre should be even further ahead of schedule thanks to adapting boughtin software that will also save costs. Top management has even taken a pay cut. The impact of the recession on metered turnover, which flows straight through to profits, left a 9.3 per cent rise in earnings, well up with expectations but below the bonus threshold set by non-executive directors.

The exception to this boy blue report may be the above-target 10.3 per cent rise in dividend, odd as that may seem to shareholders. The rise is more than a point above the figure assumed in price-setting. That is mainly because Thames wants to demonstrate the success of its newer non-regulated water engineering businesses, which contributed £6 million pre-rax after financing costs. Newer acquisitions. particularly the UTAG business in former East Germany, whose purchase cost has been cut by £7 million to £26 million, should boost non-core profits strongly in the medium-term. These are early days. however, and for the moment shareholders, as well as the director general of water services, are likely to be more impressed by the group's strong management performance as a utility.

Tesco moves the battle for sales back into Britain's high streets

The supermarket chain's plan for

'pop-in' shops marks the reversal of a

25-year retail trend, reports William Kay

he decision by Tesco to unveil the first of its in-town Metro stores in a formight's timemarks a new stage in the seemingly relentless advance of

the big supermarket groups.

The inaugural Metro, which will be opened in the former Moss Bros building in London's Covent Garden, could be the vanguard of a specialist chain of as many as 120. They will concentrate on chilled foods, frozen foods, wines and spirits, plants, flowers, newspapers, magaines and the like.

"It's a very nice little trading concept," claimed Sir Ian Mac-Laurin, Tesco's chairman, "shopping for today, we call it. It's the pop-in shop if you like, going in to buy your lasagna, your smoked salmon, your bottle of wine, your bunch of flowers for your girlfriend and out you go."

Tesco expects to take business off the convenience stores. But, according to Bill Myers, food retailing analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker, its main target is Marks and Spencer.

"It will be a premium offering," said Myers, "and that primarily will be bad news for M&S, which has been slipping lately."
Tesco Metro also reverses a 25-year

trend by the major groups to move out of town into ever-larger sites surrounded by free, flat car parking. Only Safeway, among the giants, has made a virtue of retaining a significant high street presence.

If Tesco Metro takes off — and Sir

Ian has been successfully experimenting with the concept for several months in three inner-London outlets - we can expect clones to pop up in as many as 120 high streets around the

This is only the latest move in the game of cat-and-mouse that has been going on between retailers and consumers since J. Sainsbury opened the first UK supermarket in Croydon, Surrey, 42 years ago. But, as the recent 1991-2 results season showed. the cat is turning into a tiger.

Sainsbury overtook M&S as Britain's most profitable retailer, with pre-tax profits of £632 million, an increase of 18 per cent. Tesco rose by 31 per cent to £545 million, and Argyll - Safeway's parent - increased its profit by a fifth to £364

In all cases, profit margins and selling space grew significantly, as they have done for many years. These relentless trends have goaded such watchdogs as the Consumers Association and the Office of Fair Trading into circling the sector almost continuously, sniffing for signs of foul play. However, Stephen Mark, of the Consumers Association, admitted:



Confident perspective: Sir Ian MacLaurin does not believe the grocery market will ever be saturated

'No one can ever nail anything on the supermarkets. There is no scale monopoly, because that involves having over 25 per cent of the market, and food prices are increasing by less

Nevertheless, it is clear that food retailers cannot go on expanding their selling space and profit margins indefinitely. Or can they?

"I don't think you'll ever get saturation," Sir Ian insisted. "You will always get changes of format, and you will get replacement stores. We are now in our third store in Bridgend in 25 years. Same in Greenock. So where we've got the ient soft of she we can close down and move on to another store."

"As far as we're concerned, there's still plenty of scope," said David Sainsbury, chairman-elect of his family's firm. "We've got about 150 places where we want to do stores, but we said that five years ago. We've only just started moving into Scotland. and about 30 per cent of the population are still not within travelling distance of a Sainsbury's store. There are a lot of areas that are really

that to 15 per cent, and speculates that expansion might become more difficult in another five years. Indeed, alone of the big supermarket groups, Sainsbury has hedged its bets on future growth in the UK by acquiring an American chain, Shaws, in New

avid Webster, deputy chairman of Argyll, added: "We're not going to overtake Sainsbury or Tesco. They have more footage and they both have new store development programmes which, if anything, are bigger than our own. So over the next three years we will very much continue as number three." It is technology that is driving Tesco back to the high street, and generally reducing the average size of new stores. Sainsbury and Safeway are tending to shade down below 50,000

sq ft. Ironically, Tesco is alone among the big three in continuing to build

100,000 sq ft. stores. He believes his company might cut The main reason for this is Epos electronic point of sale. The terminals the checkout desks feed sales information to head office, to the manufacturer and to the nearest distribution point. That has cut the need for large warehouses at the back of the store, and trimmed the shelves. More precise stocking and faster replenishing mean that a store need

not display as much of a given item. . The average shopping basket has been increasing," Mr Sainsbury pointed out, "and that's directly related to the size of the store and the range in the store. Very important to the economics is the intensity, the sales per square foot. Logically, the bigger the store, the lower the intensity of trade: in fact, the intensity of trade goes up. And that's because if you've got the same number of people buying more goods, the shop is less crowded. So with a bigger store, your labour cost comes down as a percentage and the intensity of trade goes

How long people spend in stores is related to the range of goods and whether there are facilities for eating and drinking. A restaurant significantly alters the time people spend in the store, and the kind of shopping

"Some people make a day of it," said Mr Sainsbury. "more of an outing than just a shopping trip. It means you must get right the amount of car parking, because the longer people stay, the more car parking you

Shelf space saved tends to be given over to higher-ticket goods, increasing profit margins. Tesco now has a multimillion pound newspaper turnover, and all the supermarkets tempt customers with flowers, wine and exotic-looking chilled food.

"Fresh foods are a good way of getting people into the store," Mr Webster said. "That's why we lead with produce as you enter the store. It creates the impression of freshness and quality, and sets the tone for the shopping experience. Margins are

Nevertheless, most British shop-pers are prepared to pay extra for the right goods, the right service and the right ambience. The big three seem to have withstood the initial onslaught from Aldi and Netto, two leading Continental discounters, and from Britain's own Kwik Save group. According to Graeme Seabrook, Kwik Save's chief executive, 60 to 70 per cent of the population will always be prepared to pay more.

"We see ourselves as reaching the discount market with a more complete offer," he said. "We have a policy of one brand of each product group. If you go into a superstore, you will find 10 or 12 brands of sweetener. We have one or two. Aldi may not have any."

ir Ian MacLaurin declared: There are clearly two quite different marketplaces, between the Aldis and the Nettos and the Kwik Saves, and the Tescos. The discount stores offer a limited range of merchandise at a cheap price. It is merchandise that we wouldn't sell. It is of a lower quality, but there is a separate marketplace for that. Their impact on us has been negligible, because I think the housewives in this country have been brought up to expect good quality."

That is the justification for profit margins that have reached 8 per cent and show no signs of stopping there. Significantly, none of the big three would commit themselves to a ceiling on margins.

Instead, they prefer to point to their returns on capital which, at around 20 per cent, compare reasonably with supermarket groups elsewhere.

But supermarkets are traders. They charge as much as they can in a highly competitive environment and, as Sir Ian pointed out, their share-holders would soon protest if they did otherwise. In the end, it is up to consumers to decide how much they want to pay for the bright lights and sweet music that are all part of the weekly shop.

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Exco looks to the future RICHARD Lacy, the Exco chief executive, yesterday had

some pleasant things to say about Stephen Adamson, the Ernst & Young administrator charged with sorting out Canary Wharf. But none of them could hide his frustration with the two years it has taken to get Exco out of the administrator's control since the collapse of British and Commonwealth in 1990. According to Lacy, Adamson "understood the requirements to invest in new projects and take a commer-cial view". After E&Y had looked over four potential buyers, however, and rejected a proposed MBO, Lacy put pressure on the administrators for a quick exit. "They tried to achieve it." he concedes, but credits the real breakthrough to Simon Linnett, of NM Rothschild, Exco's bankers. Linnett recommended a placing and brought in Caledonia Holdings as the main shareholder. Although 40 per cent of Exco's shares remain with the administrator, Lacy believes the drag of being in administration will recede and that Exco's business will soon recover. "The worst part of administration is that it's so time consuming talking to potential buyers." Lacy says. We have now won the argument for regaining our independence and we've got an arrangement that should en-

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next year."

LEGAL advisers to Greene King, the brewer bidding £104 million for Oxfordshire brewer, Morland, have been

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caught out racing for their legal casebooks after forgetting to include a printer's imprint on last week's offer document sent out to thousands of shareholders. According to lawyers in the rival Morland camp, who are surprisingly clued up on 19th century printing law, the 1869 Printing Act means the omission makes the threevolume document technically illegal. After a flurry of legal beavering. Greene King's lawyers vesterday believed their client was covered - the last time the law was invoked was 1925 - which is just as well for Greene King's £3.8 million bid fund. According to Morland, the law, if invoked, would have entailed a £50 fine on each copy of all three volumes of the document Greene King sent out. Even now, a spokesman says, it is still "theoretically possible" Morland may call its rival's bluff and declare its offer illegal. If it does. Greene King will only have itself to blame: the company apparently sent 100 copies of the offending item last week to Robert Dalrymple, a public re-

lations man, of Cardew & Co,

advisers to Morland, giving

him ample leisure to spot the

Fax faux pas

PROFESSIONALS involved in the usually dry world of trade mark regulation have been left in a minor, but welcome, state of shock after the publication of what they regard as a rather risqué letter in the news sheet published by the Institute of Trade Mark Agents. The letter, from a Hampshire reader, recounts a recent High Court case in which he was involved. It reads: "The judge was due to give his decision but realised that he had left the judgment at his country home, where he had been working on it over the weekend. Apologising to the litigants and lawyers, he indicated that he could get someone to bring it in that evening, but it would mean postponing the case until the following day. "Fax it up, my Lord," one of the barristers suggested helpfully. "Yes, it does rather," the judge

Buffalo for sale THE streets of Newcastle could soon resemble sets from Annie Get Your Gun, if a recent information sheet issued by the Tyne and Wear Chamber of Commerce is anything to go by. It contains an advertisement from the Bar K Cattle Company of Arizona offering Newcastle businessmen the chance to buy buffalo herds. Should the prospect of live buffalo prove daunting, the frozen variety is also available. Anyone interested is invited to apply to Charles Krull, 3405 South Tomahawk, Box 52. Apache Junction, Arizona.

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Investors or adventurers

From Mr Alan Porter

Sir, As a member of the Lloyd's names' "supergroup" from which Peter Nutting has noisily resigned, I should like to contribute a few thoughts. Mr Nutting's problem was that his flock found it difficult to work with a chairman who, as a Lloyd's Council member. had a foot in both camps and, when the chips were down, sounded too close to the

Lloyd's party line. The essence of the problem is that between 1975 and 1989, Lloyd's took on 25,000 new members who were more akin to investors than merchant adventurers. They contemplated bad year losses of £20,000-£40.000. £200.000-£400.000.

Lloyd's did little to protect them, and now that many of them are mined - in many cases through negligence by underwriters, members' agents or Lloyd's itself Lloyd's wishes to wash its hands of them.

These people, rightly, will refuse to lie down and be trampled on, and neither Mr Nutting nor the remainder of the Lloyd's establishment must be surprised if a number of individuals who give up their time freely are forced to adopt "hard" tacties to advance the legitimate interests of distressed marnes.

Yours sincerely. ALAN PORTER. The Clock House. Horsham Rusci. Darking,

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Riding to the rescue of distressed names of Lloyd's insurance market

From Mr Iain Mitchell

Sir, The letter from O. D. H. Clauson ("Unrealistic Judgment over Lloyd's Membership". Business Letters, May 28) seems to me to miss the point about the need for relief to the hardest hit names. It is not just a question of feeling sorry for the losers. With the best will in the

world, a number of such losers are simply unable to meet the astronomic losses incurred; there will therefore be a substantial shortfall even if every name willingly pays to his or her full potential. In addition, many of such names believe that their losses are the result of negligence or misfeasance; faced with near or total ruin, it is entirely understandable that they wish to seek redress hence the spreading rash of litigation. Nothing has yet been proved, but some indications seem to have emerged from proceedings already commenced or settled, that their belief may be justified. If that is so, it must be better for Lloyd's and its members as a whole to seek to settle the whole issue as soon as pos-

sible. To allow litigation to run its course may well entail compensation being awarded by the courts, and almost certainly will prolong the agom, inflate the cost and do desperate damage to the reputation and prospects of Llovd's. Mr Clauson suggests that to

pre-empt these problems with an arranged solution is unrealistic: I think the opposite to be the case. Mr Clauson also suggests that the fault for incurring these losses lies with the names' own bad judgment in choosing their agents or syndicates; in the last resort I suppose that that must be true. but is it really realistic to expect an external name to foresee, simply from a meeting, imminent bad judgment, negligence or worse in those who apparently have a fair track

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record and are recommended

by the name's own agent? If actionable fault has indeed caused or contributed to their downfall, it would certainly be unrealistic to expect ruined names to waive their legal recourse in order to avoid damaging the wheel on which they have been broken. Unless all calls can be met and all claims are groundless the problems must be the concern of Lloyd's as a whole.

Yours faithfully. IAIN MITCHELL 2 Oxberry Avenue.

From Mr G. N. M. Mellersh

Sir, In your leader (May 25. Lloyd's bale-out breaks the mould") you observe that however the proposed rescue plan for ruined names is structured, it will mean that the prudent and fortunate will subsidise the reckless and the unlucky.

As a name who is suffering

severe but survivable losses. I certainly don't welcome any further calls on my purse. But if there is no rescue plan, the have to help out, as it is us who will have to pick up the tab for those of our fellows who have been bankrupted and therefore cannot meet their obligations. Provided the rescue plan is conditional on cessation of legal action against Lloyd's, and that the professionals in the market shoulder an appropriate part of the burden, the plan might just turn out to be more than a lifeboat for distressed names - it could well be part of the rescue of Lloyd's

Yours faithfully. G. N. M. MELLERSH 47 Quarrendon Street,

Photo call

From R. J. Lane Sir, As an avid reader of the tabloids, I think I understand the need for the obligatory, regular photo of the same rock stars and footballers. In respect of the Business Times, can we please have someone

else other than Anita Roddick (three times this week)? At least vou used to alternate her with Gerald Ratner, before his fall. Yours faithfully, R. J. LANE, Kerrisdale,

Granville Road,

Dorridge,

"Achievement of substantial strategic gain"

Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, David Hubbard.

During the year we have been successful in developing major opportunities consistent with our strategic plans. These include the sale of our quarries, the first step in withdrawing from our shipping fleet and the acquisition in consortium of the first trust ports to be privatised, Tees and Hartlepool.

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Equiticorp's former head takes stand in fraud trial

FROM REUTER IN AUCKLAND

A FORMER multi-millionaire went on trial yesterday as the main defendant in New Zealand's biggest fraud trial. Allan Hawkins, now a

bankrupt, and six associates of the failed Equiticorp group of companies face up to 13 counts of fraud and diversion of funds in a trial that is

expected to last into next year.
Once that trial finishes, a
civil claim worth NZ\$564
million (£166 million) will be
launched against some of the defendants. That is not expect-

ed to begin until late 1993. Mr Hawkins founded and headed Equiticorp, a corpo-rate raider with interests in New Zealand, Australia, Brit-

ain and Hong Kong.

After listing in 1984,
Equiticorp quickly bloomed
by taking stakes in venerable

Poulenc in eastern expansion

RHONE-Poulenc, the French chemicals and pharma-cueticals company, said it had taken a 53 per cent stake in a joint venture with Chemlon, Czechoslovakia's leading producer of synthetic fibres, and will eventually raise its stake to 63 per cent. A spokesman declined to give the cost of the

The joint venture, Chemlon AS, will make and sell polyamide fibres. It is based at Humenne in Slovakia. The Chemion group's fibre business posted sales equivalent to Fr750 million last year and has the capacity to produce 61,000 tonnes of fibres a year.

Rhône-Poulenc plans a fiveyear investment programme worth Fr500 million. The company said the deal will strengthen its polyamide fi-bres activity.

firms through leveraged deals that ultimately proved its

At one stage it had its sights set on Broken Hill, Australia's biggest company, and by the end of 1986 it had grown to be New Zealand's fifth largest company by market capitalisation. The October 1987 share crash marked the end of its glory days. Equiticorp finally collapsed in early 1989.

Mr Hawkins, once worth more than NZ\$150 million is defending himself because the legal aid provided by the government did not cover his

He is now involved in his sons' dry-cleaning business but retains a luxury home in Auckland.

The trial, before Judge David Tompkins, revolves around Equincorp's NZ\$327 million purchase of the government's controlling stake in New Zealand Steel on the day of the October 1987 crash.

Also on trial are Grant Adams, Equiticorp's former deputy chairman, Kevin Gil-lespie, Ian Gunthorp and Max Taylor, former directors, Russell Curtayne, former equity investments manager, and Paul Darvell, Equiticorp's

All pleaded not guilty to the

various counts. In his 300-page opening address, David Baragwanath, QC, prosecuting, said the case had two broad aspects.

The first was the dishonest abstraction of Equiticorp funds for the six executives personal benefit, with Darvell allegedly abetting them. Baragwanath said they were involved in diverting fees owed to Equiticorp worth up to NZ\$64 million.

The second aspect, he said, was the defrauding of Equiticorp, of the public and of Equiticorp investors in the "New Zealand Steel deal" that involved a complex funding

Long-haul policy of Poul Schlüter's government proves its worth

Denmark moves closer to paying its way



Tight control: Erik Hoffmeyer, central bank chief

By Colin Narbrough economics correspondent

THE Danish referendum on the Maastricht treaty highlighted divisions over Europe rather than Denmark's impressive economic performance since it decided to become one of the "hard core" members of the Community.

The country's low inflation. trade surplus and promising growth prospects stand in stark contrast to what prevailed a decade ago. The long haul for which the centre-right government of Poul Schlüter. the prime minister, opted in the mid-1980s has transformed Denmark. Its former proneness to inflation has been replaced by an annual rate close to 2 per cent.
The krone is held in the

narrow fluctuation bands of the European monetary system and the Danes have tried, though so far unsuccessfully. to push their domestic interest rates below those of Germany. The hope in Copenhagen is that the next cut in Bundesbank lending rates could give scope to undershoot

Erik Hoffmeyer, governor of the Danish central bank, thinks that the push to close the interest rate gap with

Germany last year was probably over-ambitious. But he is convinced that Danish efforts to master inflation will bear fruit. Given Denmark's relawage growth will remain low. tively brief track record in the low inflation stakes, he considers patience warranted.

With a population of only 5 million, Denmark is one of the smallest members of the Community, but its difficulties of recent years have appeared similar to those experienced by bigger Community members. The French, too, have held inflation well below the level in Germany, but have failed to close the interest-rate gap. Despite suffering less from the international slowdown than other parts of the Community, Denmark, again like France, has failed to dent the problem of high unemployment. The country has a tradition of low unemployment, but almost 1 1
per cent of the workforce is
without a job.
The Danish economics

ministry expects unemployment to go on rising this year. despite an expected 2 per cent growth in gross domestic product, about double that of last year. But where exports held up the economy last year. domestic demand is now expected to come to the fore. Not that the Danes expect to lose their competitive edge. The ministry believes inflation and

Danish exports, so familiar to British consumers, are forecast to grow 4 per cent this year, representing a slight slowdown from last year. But import growth is also expected to slow to 3.1 per cent from 3.8 per cent, promising Denmark current account surplus of about 2 per cent of gdp. This will be only the second current account surplus the country has enjoyed in 28 years; it returned to surplus last year. But the government does not intend to ease up. Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

the economics minister, says that policy will remain tight until Denmark's foreign debt has been pared back. State debt held abroad should fall to 77 billion kroner (£6.8 billion) at the end of this year from 92.3 billion kroner at the end of last. It could be that the Danes, who have suffered pangs of conscience over being the world's most-indebted nation per head, will soon be paying their way again.

Leigh held back by interest

By MARTIN WALLER

SHARPLY higher interest bills from a continuing and hefty expansion programme held pre-tax profits from Leigh Interests, the waste management business, to £14.1 million in the year to end-March. down from £14.8 million last

Leigh was also held back by the recession. This was most notable in the south of England, where there was less waste than in the previous year. A final dividend of 5.37p makes a total of 7.83p (7.64p). payable on share capital enlarged by the acquisition of HT Hughes in September 1990.

Both operating profit and turnover rose 23 per cent. while an increase in the share capital left earnings 14 per cent ahead at 15.5p a share.

Heavy investment, including £23.1 million on two landfill acquisitions, one in the South East and another in the Midlands, turned net interest of £982,000 earned in the previous financial year into a deficit of £2.93 million in 1991-2 and depressed pre-tax

The shares were unchanged



Daimler offshoot nears Fokker deal

Munich - Deutsche Aerospace (Dasa), aerospace divi-sion of Daimler-Benz, said its talks on the acquisition of Fokker, the Dutch aircraft firm, were near completion.

We need a profitable and worldwide competitive structure in European regional aircraft manufacturing. We are working on that," Dasa said in a statement released ahead of a news conference.

It quoted Juergen Schrempp, management board chairman, as saying: The talks are in the final

phase of negotiation." Last week. Dasa said it hoped to complete the acquisinon of 51 per cent of Fokker by mid-June. At the time, it estimated the cost of buying the Dutch group at around DM750 million.

Dasa is co-operating with France's Ste Nationale Industrielle Aérospatiale and

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Italy's Alenia to develop, manufacture and sell regional air-craft. Dasa said it and its partners wanted to include Fokker in the existing cooperation, which is under German leadership.

Dasa has said it plans to acquire 30 per cent of the stake in Fokker from the Dutch state and the rest through a capital rise at Fokker. The Dutch state owns 31.8 per cent of Fokker. a stake it has held since it rescued Fokker from financial problems in 1987.

Fokker has been planning a 500 million guilder (£155 million) share issue this year to pay for expanded production facilities to enable the company to build a new aircraft. the Fokker 70.

Dasa said it was facing difficult times, but still expected to report slightly higher sales this year.

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Aherne the lone touring player to emerge with credit

Ireland lack horsepower

to match Manawatu

gallant international defeat to said after his team's third 50-

game had been won and lost was masterful: "Their [Ire-

land's) retention of the ball

and production of the ball on

the ground was shocking," he

So it was and several Irish

players may have done irrep-

arable damage to their inter-

national prospects. Only

Aherne, who scored two tries,

was able to sustain anything

like a consistent game and

since he had a hand in

Clarke's my too, he at least

had little cause for self-re-

proach. Etheridge was forced

off with rib cartilage damage

early in the second half and

McAleese played on with a

no fracture, but Robertson has not trained for five days

and could find his tour shortened. The back-row forwards

standing by are Ron Kirkpat-rick and Kevin Armstrong of

Despite the "Emerging" Wallabies resemblance to

an Australia B side, the Scots were fielding all their young players. "There is no

point in taking youngsters all

the way to Australia and not

Jed-Forest.

point win of the season.

"dead" leg. But there is no prospect of change to the XV

Manawatu's ten tries near-

ly matched the 11 scored by

Auckland in the 62-7 maul-

ing of Ireland last month.

Two of them came from

Stensness, the young stand-

off half whom England B are

likely to face when they play

New Zealand Universities lat-

er this month; three tries went

to Sam Doyle, a promising

after blatant obstruction by

his centres seems, in the con-

SICORERS: Marramentur Trine: S Doyle (3).
Steremen (2). Smith, Cruden, McLean, Otal, Hall. Corrections: Smith, (5). Penalty gnesis: Smith (2). Irelator: Trine; Alarema (2). Carlos, Marphy. Correction: Marphy. Parallities: McAlense (2).
MANAWATU: S Doyle: J Smith, G Konin, P Crosswell, P Alston; L. Steremenes, P Lloyd; R McLean, P Doyle, G Naedsle, S Duyden (capt.). M Otm. D Column, 8 Hall, K Williams.

□ New Zealand, who won

the inaugural Student World

Cup, are likely to receive fi-

nancial assistance from the

Italian organisers of the sec-

ond tournament next month.

back. That one came

to play in Wellington.

match, the second interna-

tional against New Zealand.

the Irish display was devoid

of redeeming features; from

the sublime of last Saturday's

the ridiculous. Though they

trailed only 17-14 at the in-

terval, a burst of 25 points in

14 minutes by Manawatu de-

stroyed the Irish; a sound

forward base, sure handling

and running at a pace Ire-

land could not match were

Manawatu, who are opti-

mistic of promotion from the

second division, carried on

after the final whistle. The

exposition by Stuart Cruden.

Injuries beset Scots back row

flanker, is suffering from an Achilles tendon strain.

Wainwright will be replaced by Stuart Reid, and it is hoped he will be fit for the

game against New South Wales on Saturday.

If he does not recover quickly, however, a replace-ment may have to be sent out

from Scotland. The situation

is exacerbated by the injury

to John Robertson, the Her-

iot's flanker, who has an in-

enough to undo them.

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WINL UNIT.

MANY New Zealand provinces have figures from the animal world as a mascot: Manawati's is a horse and it was apposite enough at the Showgrounds Oval here yesterday, as they galloped over Ireland's nidweek XV (previously unbeaten on tour) by six goals, four tries and two penalty goals o a goal, three tries Four days before their final their captain, on how the

Manawaru

FROM DAVID HANDS

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IN PALMERSTON NORTH

Hobart The Scotland tour-

ing team may have to send for a replacement after Rob Wainwright yesterday be-

came the latest casualty

among the back-row for-

wards (Alan Lorimer writes). Wainwright, who was im-pressive on Sunday against Queensland, broke down in

training as Scotland pre-

pared for their game against the Emerging Wallabies in Hobart oday. The Edin-burgh Academical, who was

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Tompkins loss is underlined

useful two-year-old filly in unusual circumstances at Leicester on Monday, had the loss underlined when Walsham Witch took division one of the Hopton Maiden Auction at Yarmouth yesterday. (3-Y-O: £2,798. 1m 100yd) (10) "Hat Dancer reared up in

two out and keeping on to beat Sweet Disorder by a length and a half.



Under wraps: Clarke, of Ireland, has his run halted by Konia, of Manawatu, yesterday

MANDARIN

HOCKEY

Selectors call up cover for Kerly

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN AMSTERDAM

THE Great Britain men enter a new phase of preparations for the Olympic Games with a match today against the Netherlands in a roundrobin tournament in Amsterdam.

Added to the list of 16 players already selected for the Games are Mayer, of Cannock, and Davis, of St Albans, doubts remaining about Kerly's fitness after a hamstring injury. Lee, also injured, will not play, although he will be there. In the Champions Trophy

at Karachi in February, the Netherlands defeated Britain 4-1 but the Dutch, recently beaten 2-1 by India, have injury worries of their own. In the next six days, the British players will be able to form a fair opinion of the class of opposition they will face in the defence of their

Olympic gold medal. Their remaining opponents are Pakistan, Germany and Spain, of whom only Germany are in the same Olympic pool.

In their first match today. Britain's women will be opposed by Spain. After meeting Germany on Friday Britain will be severely tested by the Netherlands and South Korea, both of whom are in the same Olympic pool. Arte In the same Orympic pool.
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ICE HOCKEY

Penguins keep trophy

sweep over the Chicago Blackhawks in Chicago on

home side had tied the score er. (Reuter)

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2.30 Caromish. 3.00 Suitability. 3.30 Lookingfora-rainbow. 4.00 Fern. 4.30 Rive-Jumelle. 5.00 Little

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 CAROMISH.

4.30 GULF SAILOR (nap). 5.00 Little Bear.

DRAW: 5F-1M 3YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

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(2-Y-O: £2,324: 6f 3yd) (9)

Our Newmarket Correspondent

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

THE Pittsburgh Penguins re- four times, to become the first tained the Stanley Cup by team to win the cup in completing a four-game successive seasons since the Edmonton Oilers did so in 1987 and 1988. Mario Lemieux, of Pittsburgh, was They won 6-5, after the named most-valuable play-

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1991; SYLVA HONDA 5-8-5 A Murro (20-1) C Brittain 11 ran FORM FOCUS

SYLVA HONDA 2'st 3rd of 15 to Sand On The Hun in a valuable handicap at York (1m. good to firm).

FL SHPOOF half are a head in a Primera land race at Godwood (1m. 2t, good to firm). SUSUR-RATION that Cloud Of Duet a short head in an 8-runner laster race at Sandown (1m. good to firm) previously, field and of 13 to Shallond in a land race at Leicester (7t, good), with SYLVA HONDA (same terms) 4'N4 (7th and PFALZ (same terms) it seems) 4'N4 (7th and PFALZ (same terms) 1'N4 (7th good to firm).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

3.45 EVER READY DERBY (Group I: 3Y-O colts & fillies: £355,000; 1m 4f 10yd) (19 runners)

FOR RUNNERS AND RIDERS - SEE PAGE 29

Piggott had earlier taken the seller on Liffey River, trained by his wife, ☐ Lester Piggott warmed up for his Derby ride on Rodrigo De Triano with a 40-1 double at Folkestone S128(2)73 "It's been a tough day," said Piggott. "I rode Rodrigo round Tattenham corner this morning. Pity "I thought he'd need the race," reported Epsom trainer Simon Dow it's soft down there - it's definitely after Piggott gave Snow Blizzard a softer than it was at the Curragh." vintage rice in the last race.

playing them," Richie Dixon, They need about £20,000 towards travel costs. 4.35 NIGHT RIDER HANDICAP (£14,330: 5f) (19 runners) ## 135 NIGHT RIDER HANDICAP (£14,330: 5f) (19 runners)

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1991: MERTOLA'S PET 5.7.7 N Carlsle (8-1) L Cottrell 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

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OLFANI SPONIEM compared cooper when bearing TERRHARS (18b better off) %4 as a 20-conner hand-cap at Sandown (5f good), with SKI CAPTAIN 12: 13m and ASHTINA If 14m, ASHTINA around 11 4th of 9 to Tauber at a handicap at Lingheld (5f, good to firm), with JOE SUGDEN (4lb worse off) 2%1 5th and SKI CAPTAIN (11b worse off) 1%1 7th CAL-LANT HOPE neck. And of 7 to How's Yer Father is a handicap at Chepetow (6f, good to firm).

5.10 BUTTERLEY BRICK HANDICAP (£13,550: 1m 2f 18yd) (8 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Fire Top. 7:2 Andretts. 9-2 MeRaby, 11-2 Spanish Grandee, 13-2 Knriebox, 10-1 Double Echo. 12-1 Hasher, 14-1 Danzerin.

1991: FIRE TOP 8-9 3 Pat Eddery (7-1) R Allehurst 14 ran FORM FOCUS

KNIFEBOX around 14% 8th of 9 to Flashfoot in a listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good) MELLABY fund of 9 to Matstor in a handicap at Chester (1in 4f 66yd, good to firm) FIRE TOP 77 3m of 14 is SPANISH GRANDE 2f 2nd of 7 to Bold Angel in a flew in a handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to flash-cap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to flash-cap at Thesk (7f firm) selection: MELLABY

5.45 CRAVEN HANDICAP (27,035: 7f) (14 runners)

601 (10) 0244-16 PARLIAMENT PIECE 20 (CD.F.G.) (G Famidon) R Whiteher 6:10-0 L Piggott 602 (9) 111-072 DEPRECATOR 9 (D.BF.F.G.) (I/2 R Hood) J Gosden 4 9-5 . R Cockwane 603 (7) 2-12260 BOLD HABIT 22 (D.F.G.) (R Sterry) W Pearce 7:6-4 . D Necholia 86

BETTING: 5-1 Deprecator, 11-2 Nordic Brake - 6-1 Cape Pigeon, 7-1 Go Executive Just A Step - 8-1 How's Yer Father, Parliament Piece - 10-1 Focksh Touth Surrey Racing - 12-1 Caroles Express, 16-1 others - 1991, PARLIAMENT PIECE 5-9-3 Vt Carson (6-1) R Ifficaker 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

PARLIAMENT PIECE peat Arang a net a 10 runner handicap at Chester on recoperation (11 at 10-runner Neumanier (17 good), with DERAM CARRIER (70 bester of) to beat Caucha 115 b PARLAMENT PIECE Deat Arany a neth at a Tolling and the second of the second and t

COURSE SPECIALISTS 223 W Carson 500 Par Edden, 15 P. Command 145 C. Carson 140 S. Cauper 136 Carpon

MARK Tompkins, who lost a

the stables, hitting her head and was killed outright." said Tompkins. "It was a tragedy as she was at least as good if not better than this one."

Philip Robinson put up 2lb overweight, but Walsham Witch was always going like a winner, striking the front over

Spark beat newcomer Persian Revival in the second 4.00 RIVER YARE MAIDEN FILLIES QUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,072: 1m 3f 101yd) (8)

11-10 Fern, 4-1 Funcon, 9-2 Bineyah, 8-1 Etuehing Storm, 10-1 lots, 18-1 Whisper's Shedow, 20-1 others.

4.30 radio norfolk handicap

(22,898: 1m 2f 21yd) (7)

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1 3-40 BUSTED ROCK 44 (CD,F,Q) Mrs L Piggott 7-10-0
W Harring 5
2 032- POLONEZ PRIMA 214 (F,G) J Burks 5-9-12
L Newton (5) 2
3 54-1 GULF SAILOR 15 (F) M Stoute 4-9-8 ... D Holland 4
4 -000 ARAK B R Amestrong 4-9-2 ... D P Robinson 7
430 RVF-SUMBLE 20 (D,F) G Burk 4-9-8 ... Q Creatook 6
7 5-03 BARBARY RESF 9 (CD,F) G Eden 4-7-7 F Norton (8) 1
Chill Sailor 4-1 Burked Book B-1 Santens Resf. 4.1 Started 5-2 Gulf Salor, 4-1 Busted Rock, 5-1 Barbary Reef, 5-1 Rive-Jumelle, 8-1 Rival Brd, 10-1 Polonez Prims, 12-1 Arak.

5.00 SUFFOLK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,343: 1m 3yd) (9)

9-4 Little Been, 7-2 Muktear, 5-1 Hezent, 5-1 Telsir, 8-1 Blue Sea, 10-1 Galapiic Miss, 12-1 others.

5.30 BRECKLAND MAIDEN GUARAN-TEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,072: 6f 3yd) (7)

13-5 Tousseud, 7-2 Alkard, 4-1 Nagida, 8-1 Everybodys Talking, 10-1 Millyrous, 12-1 Under The Bridge, 14-1 Emigrator.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Stoute, 20 winners from 79 ninners, 25.3%; J Gosden, 9 from 46, 19.6%, N Cettaghen, 7 from 40, 17.5%, W Jervis, 11 from 69, 15.5%, P Hastern, 3 from 19, 15.8%; R Guest, 5 from 36, 13.9% JOCKEYS: W Ryen, 15 winners from 92 rides, 16.3%; A McGlone, 6 from 38, 15.8%, L Newton, 5 from 34, 14.7%, 3 Carter, 22 from 169, 13 0%; F Norton, 4 from 34, 11 8% (Only qualifiers)

2 161/ BRIGGSCARE 622 (CO.F) W Jervis 6-9-5 3 2301 LOOKINGFORARANISOW 5 (D.F.G) Bob Jones 4-8-6 (Next V Smith 1 4-60/0 SKISURF 14 C British 6-8-0... — 9 Creatook 4 5 -800 GREENWICH BAMBI 21 (G) W Carter 4-8-0 10 Certains (5) 5 6 219/ NIKATINO BOS (F) J Scangil 8-7-10.... F Norton (S) 9 7 050/ ST ATHANS LAD 45 JR Curtis 7-7-8 — 6 Bertived 8 8 -906 THUNDER BUB 19 (G) A Jernet 4-7-7 Date offbison 3 9 0000 SWEET REQUEST 13 (B) J Bostick 4-7-7 C Heavisity (f) 2 2 44 5 Erry 3-1 (Instruction of the strength of 1-10 Certains (5) 1-10 Certains (6) 10 Certains (6) Certains (6) 10 Certains (6) Certai (Not including yesterday's results) BEVERLEY

6.45 First Bid. 7.10 Kentucky Rain. 7.35 Petite Epaulette. 8.05 Haunting Rhapsody. 8.35 Arctic Splendour. 9.05 Forest Dew. THUNDERER

6.45 Not Yet. 7.10 Gold Belt. 7.35 Petite Epaulette. 8.05 Arctic Appeal. 8.35 Bashamah. 9.05 Pharly

GOING: FIRM (WATERED) DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 HURN APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,559: 1m 1f 207yd) (17 runners)

15 0005 KMD STYLE 5 R Hotinshead 48-10 M Humphoes (7) 15 55-0-0 CORPORATE TYPE 9J G Kelly 4-8-0 J Marshall 13 17 0000 TURNING HEADS 8 J Witson 37-12 Antoinette Armes 8 3-1 Secures Cutteries, 7-2 Cold Shower, 4-1 First Bid, 8-1 Not 9-1, 10-1 Chart Cross, 12-1 Miss Parkes, 14-1 Others.

7.10 SCARBOROUGH HANDICAP

: 18-0 KENTUCKY FLAIN 12 (C.F.) Junity Fitzgerald 9-7 2 486 (ATEB 11 H Amestrong 94 B Crossley 3 2 055- NOBLE CAUSE 222 P Earnshaw 92 . . . J Carroll 10 4 04-0 GOLD BELT 25 P Holinshead 9-0 M Humphiles (7) 2 5 0500 MISS KINGFISHER 8 (B) 5 Notron 9-11 . . K Darley 8 6 0-00 TMORNTON GATE 18 (V.F) M H Easterby 9-11 M Burch F

M Birch 7

Blinkered first time

YARIMOUTH: 3.00 Bunshiu BEVERLEY: 7.10 Mass Krigfisher OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS. All engagements (dead). Cool Sezson Prame Storm Moorlander, Al Milha

7.35 HILARY NEEDLER TROPHY) fillies: £7,050: 51) (/)

1 AREA GIRL 6 (D.F) M Prescott 8-10 G Duffield 8
1 JERVIA 11 (D.F) J Watts B-10 B Raymond 3
1 LAUREL DELIGHT 30 (D.F) J Berry 8-10 J Carroll 4
1 PETITE EPAULETTE 18 (D.F) W Javas 8-10 M Tebbutt 1

M Tebbutt 1
3 331 PRINCESS OBERON 9 (D.F) M Bell 8-10.... M Hills 2
8 21 WILLSHE GAN 9 (D.F) Denys Smith 8-10... K Patton 7
7 022 MAGIIC PEARL 27 E Alston 8-8....... P Robinson 5
71-10 Princess Oberon, 5-1 Jenne, 8-1 Ares Girl, 8-1 Petric Eperlette, 10-1 Willshe Gen. 12-1 others

8.05 GRP massey sprint stakes

1 0-03 PRINCE BELFORT 8 (D,F) M Naughton 49-5 7-4 Arctic Appeal, 7-2 Haumang Rhapsody, 5-1 Brenston Abby, 7-1 Martine, 8-1 Prince Bellori, Real Stunner, 14-1 Auction King

8.35 DERBY NIGHT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,954: 1m 3f 216yd) (9)

1 20-2 MOOR LODGE 23 M Tomplans 9-7 ... P Robinson B 2 2222 KADARI 23 (G) A Harmson 9-2 K Fallon 1 3 00-0 BASHAMAH 56 C Brittain 9-1 ... M Birch 6 4 434 ARCTIC SPLENDOUR 19 P Chapole-Hyam 9-1 M Hills 7 5 000- STINGRAY CITY 240 J Emerrigion 9-0 ... K Darley 4 6 402 REACH FOR GLORY 8 R Winsker 8-12. A Cultane 3 7 0-03 PHARLANDER 27 (B) M HE satedty 8-3 S Maloney (S) 2 8 00-0 DESIERT MIST 8 M Prescrit 7-11 ... J Lowe 9 9 00-0 DESIERT MIST 8 M Prescrit 7-11 ... J Lowe 9 5-2 Arctic Splendour, 7-2 Moor Lodge, 4-1 Pharlander, 6-1 Kadan, 8-7 Reach For Glory, 14-1 Stingray City, 16-1 others.

9.05 WELTON MAIDEN STAKES

(£2,186: 1m 100yd) (5) 1 0-5 FARRFORD 11 Jammy Fitzgerskt 3-8-10 . . . K Fation 2 KNIGHT PAWN J Leigh 3-8-10 . . . J Weaver (5) 5 8- PHARLY DANCER 349 W Heigh 3-8-10

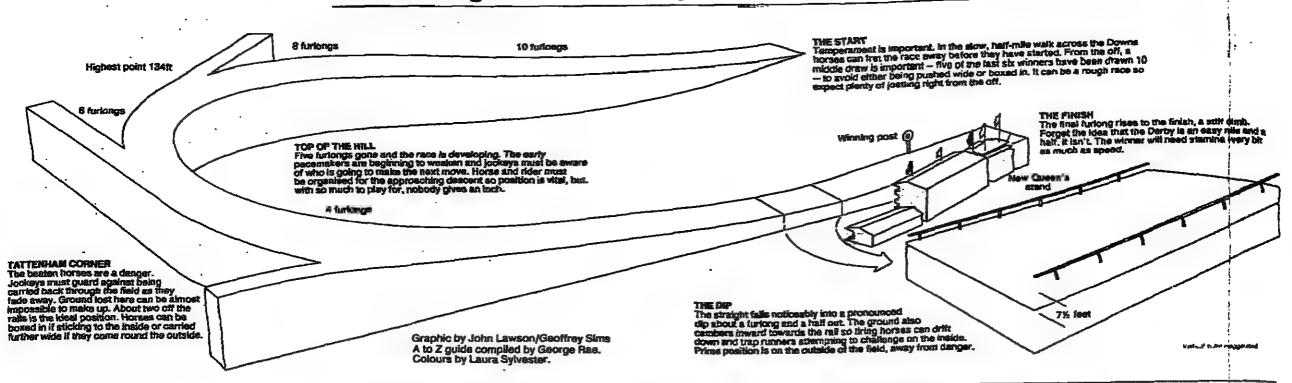
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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: C Brittam 7 winners from 39 runners, 17 9%, W Jarvis, 4 from 25, 16 0% M O'Neill 5 from 32, 15 6%, E Woymes, 5 from 37, 43%, J Berry, 19 from 138, 13 8%, 5 Norton, 9 from 72, 12 5% JOCKEYS: M Hills, 4 winners from 21 ndes, 190%, 8 Raymond, 11 hom 72, 153%, K Derley, 26 from 178 146%, J Carnoll, 12 from 97, 124%, 5 Maloney, 6 from 50, 120%, M Brich, 25 from 211, 118%

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COLOURS CHECK AND A TO Z ANALYSIS OF THE BIG-RACE CONTENDERS



ALFLORA Jockey: Richard Quinn Probably the best of Clive Brittain's three runners, but at around 100-1 that's no great recommendation. Those anticipating a sensation will note Brittain saddled the 500-1 second Terimon three years ago.

ALNASH ALWASHEEK

Name means Imminent Victory. Won Dante Stakes at

York but minus marks are

Stoute and Cauthen have

Jockey: Stave Cauther

stamina doubts und questions about handling the course. Trainer Michael



Jockey: Richard Hills Not for more than a century has a maiden won the Derby and Lobilio, one of trainer Clive Brittain's three runners, hardly looks tikely to break the sequence. Only confirmed optimists need apply.

LOBILIO

MARKATHUM

Rodrigo De Triano.

Jockey: Willie Carson Hampered when fifth in the 2,000 Guineaa behind

Training setback after Guineas but now working

looking for fourth Derby.

stable in form. Carson

NINJA DANCER

well. Should stay and from



RAINBOW CORNER Jockey: Pat Eddery Second in French 2,000 Guineas left Eddery, since relented, questioning stamina. Has respectable chance of a fourth Derby and ending 16-year drought for the French. Each-way prospects at least.

RODRIGO DE TRIANO

Guineas winner has class aplenty and Epsom virtuoso

Piggott, nine Derbys to his name, on his side. Great

chance if petrol doesn't

Jockey: Lester Piggott



TWIST AND TURN Jockey: Michael Kinane Has plenty going for him. Sure to stay, proven on a turning course anothom a Derby was to its cledit. Kinane has an excellent record on the big occasion. Solid prospects.



WELL SADDLED Jockey: John Williams David Elsworth had the winter fevourite, Seattle Rhyme, but with him sidelined by injury le must rely on a rank outsper. Seaten in handicarilast time and must make staggering improvement.



ASSESSOR Jockey: Walter Swinburn Ultimately impressive when winning Lingfield Derby Trial but took plenty of time to warm up. Will stay but could get outpaced early. Soft ground will help. Swinburn saeks third Derby. Stable in form.

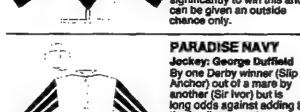
Jockey: John Reid

Nominally stable's No 2 to

Rodrigo De Triano. Can go well if fully recovered from

Kentucky Derby. High-class at best, encouraging

unhappy challenge for



Jockey: Michael Hills First Derby runner for trainer Julie Cecil. Good form as a two-year-old but has had limitations exposed this significantly to win this and can be given an outside chance only. PARADISE NAVY



SILVER WISP Jockey: Paul Eddery Attempting to prove old adage "fourth in the Guineas first in the Derby". Reportedly improved since Newmarket and working wall. Trainer Geoff Lewis rode Mill Reef to win in

ST JOVITE

Jockey: Christy Roche

recent unimpressive Leopardstown success

Not since Secreto in 1984

also ridden by Roche, has an irish challenger won. One of the better bets to stay but



Built instant reputation with instant reputation with impressive will in minor company at Brighten, just as quickly punctured in better class at Goodwood, Might well prove a good forse in time but this assignment is asking a lot.

YOUNG FREENAN

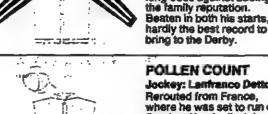
Jockey: Bruce Raymond



YOUNG SENOR Jockey: Ray Cochane Respectable form in good company and, despite being another with staming doubts, there will be worse value in the field. Trainer Geoff Wragg and Cechrane are both previous winners. Lively longshot



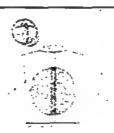
GREAT PALM Jockey: Alan Munro Represents team successful last year with Generous. Likely to improve for second to Ainast Alwasheek at York but COIT IS TO to handle the track. Only



POLLEN COUNT Jockey: Lanfranco Dettori Rerouted from France, where he was set to run on Sunday, Nominally John Gosden's second string to Muhtarram. More rain will) DUT Shaikh Mohammed might have to wait another veer for his first Derby.

long odds against adding to

hardly the best record to



suggests he still has something to find. **THOURIOS Jockey: Michael Roberts** Joins Young Freeman in trainer Guy Harwood's attempt to make up for the luckless defeat of Dancing

Brave six years ago. Not in

doubtful stayer into the

THE VERDICT

An open race of many doubts and few certainties. Stamina, rather than speed, could be the key, and with that in mind TWIST his distance win in the Chester Vase, earns the vote.

Rainbow Corper, who has good classic forn, and Muhtarram, provided the ground does not turn soft. can take second and third. because of the doubts

about his stamina.

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St Jovite poised to break Ireland's losing sequence in premier classic

By Jack Waterman

LESTER Piggott, with nine winners, and Pat Eddery and Willie Carson with three apiece dominate the jockey figures for this afternoon's Ever Ready Derby. However, none of their mounts is certain to stay, and stamina points are important to look for this year among the historical statistics.

Trials

Time has proved the Lingfield Derby Trial over just short of a mile-and-a-half and on a track resembling Epsom to be the most informative: Assessor attempts to become the sixth winner of this event since the war to succeed at Epsom (the names stretch from Tulyar in 1952 to Kahyasi in 1988) or, if not successful, the seventh Lingfield winner to be second or third in the Derby in the same period. The Chester Vase is run at

distance, and has produced only two Derby winners (Shergar and Henbit) but no fewer than five runners-up and a third. Twist And Turn is Henry Cecil's hope to enhance this record as well as for his own third big race triumph. Betting

Since 1946, 18 favourites have won and six have been placed, giving a 39 per cent chance of the best-backed horse succeeding, and a 52 per cent chance of reaching the frame. Nine secondfavourites have secured vic-

per cent respectively. **Guiness winners**

tory and a further eight were

placed, 20 per cent and 40

Should a last-minute tide of public sentiment reinstate the dual Guineas winner Rodrigo De Triano, ridden by Lester Piggott, as favourite, it

record of 2,000 Guineas winners at Epsom: of 29 to have taken since the war only six (five favourites and a second-favourite) have won. four have been placed and no fewer than 19 (including a further eight (avourites)



Bolger: can win the Derby with St Jovite

dropped from contention

after failing in the Dante

In the vacuum that fol-

lowed, Great Palm, Alnasr

Alwasheek and Muhtarram

were left disputing the lead.
All this has made it a good

time to be a bookmaker. As

been quite happy with the way that the market has

The Irish sent over no fewer than nine winners between Hard Ridden in 1958 and Secreto in 1984. St Jovite, trained by Jim Bolger, who saddled Star Of Gdansk to be third in 1991, is their hope.

In the Grand Criterium at Longchamp last autumn. St Jovice finished four lengths behind Arazi in fourth, a position occupied by Relko in that race the year prior to his 1963 Derby triumph.

Meanwhile. Geoff Lewis looks to Silver Wisp becoming the first Epsom-trained winner (wartime substitutes excluded) since April The Fifth exactly 60 years ago.

The records suggest a close race with ST JOVITE getting the better of Assessor. Twist And Turn is also named for a

Twists and turns among the market leaders

BY PAUL WHEELER

Rhyme? Well you would if you had backed him to win the Derby last October. While the majority of punters have delayed trying to

find the Epsom classic winner until today, spare a thought for those poor souls who have been trying for the last seven months. The fate of millions of pounds, from professional

backers and once-a-year

punters alike, will be decided

in a little over two-and-a-haif minutes from when the stalls crash open until the first horse thunders past the post. However, this year trying predict who will start favour te has been almost as perplexing as finding the winner itself. It has been a contest which has taken several twists since Scattle Rhyme was installed 20-1 favourite

by Ladbrokes after an im-

pressive victory in the Racing Post Trophy last season.

As the field went into winter quarters. Seattle Rhyme

held still the lead, at 12-1. But on the eve of the new Turf season, David Elsworth announced that his charge had injured a foot, and would miss the 2,000 Guineas. Within a month he had been taken out of the betting altogether. Today, instead of racing for glory, he will he in his box at Elsworth's Whitsbury yard still waiting to make his

seasonal debut. On the day that Elsworth gave news of Seattle Rhyme's problems. Francois Boutin said that French wonder horse Arazi could take his chance at Epsom. By late April Arazi, at even

oney, held a clear lead in the market and was favourite to win just about everything except the general election. However, Arazi fell away in the Kentucky Derby and the market looked for a new icader. Aliadeer took up the pace

Rob Hartnett of Ladbroke explained: "With the withdrawal of the winter favourite and the inconclusive nature of the trials, we've

gone. There's been a good spread for those at the head of affairs so we have a healthy book." What was now being referred to as the "dead Derby" was given a boost when Robert Sangster decided to run his dual Guineas winner Rodrigo De Triano. The layers prepared themselves for the faithful to pour money at the altar of the great idol,

They waited, and they but, almost as quickly, waited some more - but nothing happened. The price went out from 5-1, to 6-1 and then to 7-1. Then the legion

of Piggott fans hit back. By last week it looked like a straight fight between Muhtarram, the profession als' choice, and Rodrigo De Triano, with the sentimentalists. But as the rain started to fall, Assessor ranged up to make his challenge.
"Assessor made his charge

from 16-1 on Friday morning." Harnett said. "The weather has been the key with him. We now have a six-way photo-finish between Rodrigo, Alnasr Alwasheek, Assessor, Dr Devious, Rainbow Corner and Muhtarram

"I think that today the pro-fessional money with be split between several horses, and that will leave the way clear for Rodrigo De Triano, with all the small punters backing Lester.

So there you have it. Now all you have to do is find the

Hedging: bets on weather

THE Derby Day weather looks as difficult to predict as the outcome of the big race itself but a mixed bag of sunshine and showers seems the most likely line-up.

The forecast for the Epsom area promises a mainly doudy day with some bright spells but the continuing risk of thundery showes, possibly heavy. It will be warm and humid with only a very light south-westerly brede. The ground eased to good

to soft on Monday following heavy rain but last night the going was officially good except for the last four furlongs. where it remains good to soft. The downs will be packed by an estimated 400,000 racegoers with more than 400 million worldwide ex-

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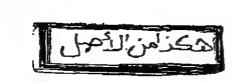
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It is estimated that more than £35 million vill be wagered on and off thi course on Derby Day with 30 per cent of this staked on the big race itself.

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last year was £70,062 with £219,406 of that ijvested on the Derby. HOW TO GET THERE Road: The course is best reached via the M25 and A17. Rail: From Waterlow Victoria or Londor Bridge to Epsom Downs, fattenham Corner, or Epsom Town, all of which are within walking distance of the course. Buses

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The Times guide to the Derby: the runners, form and selections

Conditions ideal for Assessor

Great Palm and St Jovite

IN NAPPING ASSESSOR to win the Ever Ready Derby at Epsom today, I am banking upon the only horse in the 19-strong field who is guaranteed to stay the trip and also cope well with the conditions underfoot.

Trained at East Everleigh by Richard Hannon, whose stable is currently on a crest. Assessor proved that point when running away with the Lingfield Derby Trial.

in the past decade that particular trial has pointed to Teenoso, Slip Anchor and Kahyasi all being good enough to go on and capture the Epsom classic.

In Teenoso's case, it was equally soft at Lingfield as at Epsom, and he powered home on each occasion in much the same way I expect

MANDARIN

1. ASSESSOR

2. Great Palm

2. Dr Devious

NEWMARKET

2. Pollen.Count

3. Twist And Turn

3. Assessor

RICHARD EVANS

1. RAINBOW CORNER

1. ALNASR ALWASHEEK

3. St Jovite

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

to see Assessor give Walter Swinburn his third winning Derby ride, following Shergar and Shahrastani.

Monday's downpour was sweet music to Hannon because it was good to soft underfoot on the two occasions that Assessor won as a two-year-old.

Being by Niniski out of a mare by Petingo. Assessor also has a pedigree that is entirely acceptable in the current circumstances.

Judged on his breeding and the style of his Lingfield victory, he will be running on when the majority of his op-ponents have cried enough.

THUNDERER

1. DR DEVIOUS

3. Twist And Turn

1. GREAT PALM

3. Pollen Count

2. Assessor

3. Pollen Count

2. Rainbow Corner

HANDICAPPER

1. RODRIGO DE TRIANO

MICHAEL SEELY

2. Great Palm

THE EXPERTS VIEW

are taken to fill the minor placings. Paul Cole, who sent Generous out to win last year. said yesterday that Great Palm will not mind the ground. On breeding, he should certainly get the trip.

Apparently, Great Palm has thrived at home since finishing second in the Dante Stakes at York. That performance was all the more meritorious since his training had been interrupted twice.

The Irish challenger St Jovite is another who will relish the conditions. Fourth behind Arazi in the Grand Criterium last year. St Jovite should do even better now that he tackles this trip, judged on the way that he stayed on to win his trial over ten furlangs on soft ground.

It was my intention to remain loyal to Rodrigo De Triano and take a chance on his stamina if the ground had remained good. But, after Monday's deluge, I cannot bring myself to do so.

However, I can report that Peter Chapple-Hyam remains of the opinion that Rodrigo De Triano, who is clearly the best horse in the field over a mile, has never been better. His gallop at Manton last Friday was the best that he has done.

In an attempt to conserve Rodrigo De Triano's stamina, which must be even more suspect on the soft ground, I doubts about him setting the expect to see the remarkable trip, the way that he ran on up Lester Piggott adopt the same the hill to win his Sandown waiting tactics that he used in 1968 on Sir Ivor.

His Manton stable companion Dr Devious, who was originally bought by his present owner in an attempt to win the Kentucky Derby, will give a good account of himself in Chapple-Hyam's view, even though he believes Rodrigo De Triano to be the classier of the pair.

Discussing Muhtarram and Pollen Count yesterday, John Gosden said that the ground has almost certainly gone against Muhtarram, but that Pollen Count will love it.

He went on to suggest that, while a study of Pollen Count's pedigree will raise trial, where he finished in front of Assessor, suggested that he might. With the emphasis now

placed even more strongly on stamina, there must be a question mark against Alaasr Alwasheck or Rainbow Corner lasting out the distance. even though they have the assistance of Steve Cauthen and Pat Eddery respectively.
At least Twist And Turn,

whom Cauthen discarded, should stay, even though he failed to impress when winning the Chester Vase.

Confidence in the locallytrained Silver Wisp, who finished fourth in the 2,000 Guineas, has also been undermined by recent rain.

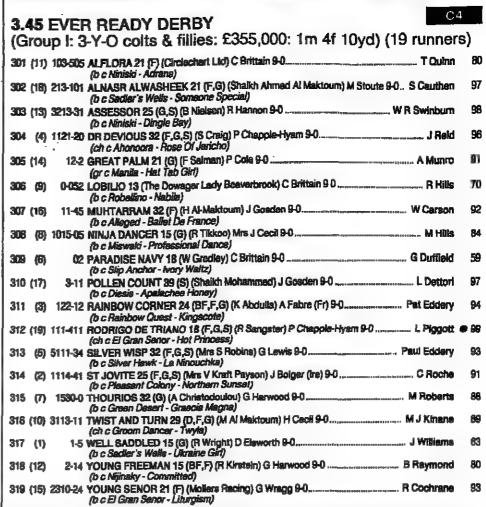
Susurration to follow up

JOHN Gosden, two-handed in the big race, can land a Derby Day double with SEsurration (2.45) and Deprecator (5.45) (Mandarin

That tough mare Susurration, who bounced back to winning form at Sandown nine days ago, will relish the ground for the group three Diomed Stakes and is just preferred to the French 2,000 Guineas fourth, Zaahi.

Green's Bid, who was demoted after passing the post first on his debut at Kempton last month, can gain handsome compensation by winning the Silver Seal Woodcote Stakes where he can draw a maiden allowance.

Mertola's Pet and Fire Top have bright prospects of re-peating their victories of a year ago in the Night Rider Handicap and Butterley Brick Handicap respectively.



BETTING: 15-2 Rodrigo De Triano, 8-1 Alnasr Alwasheek, Assessor, Dr Devious, Muhtarram, Rainbow Corner, 9-1 Great Palm, 12-1 Twist And Turn, 14-1 Pollen Count, Silver Wisp, 18-1 St Jovite, 33-1 Young Senor, 66-1 Thourios, Young Freeman, 100-1 Alflora, Ninja Dancer, 500-1 Lobilio, Well Saddled, 1,000-1 Paradise Navy.

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Form guide to the 19 runners

ALFLORA

May 13, York, good to firm: see ALNASH ALWASHEEK. Apr 25, Sandown, good to soft: see POLLEN COUNT. Apr 11, Newbury, good to acit: see RODRIGO DE TRIANO. Oct 29, Leicester, firm: MUHTARRAM.

ALNASR ALWASHEEK May 13, York, good to firm: (9-0) best GREAT PALM (9-0) 3I (1m 2f 85yd, group II, 273,554, 7 ran) with YOUNG SENOR (9-0) 44 4th and ALFLORA (9-0) 1½I 5th.

May 2, Newmarket, good: se RODRIGO DE TRIANO. Apr 16, Newmerket, good: (8-9) best DR DEVIOUS (9-0) 1½1 (1m, group 31, £18,801, 8 ran) with MUHTARRAM (8-9) 4½1 4th.

ASSESSOR

May 9, Lingfield, good: (9-0) beat Tapis Rouge (9-0) 71 (1m 3f 106yd, group III, £35,740, 7 ran). Apr 25, Sandown, good to soft; see POLLEN COUNT. Oct 26, Doncester, good: (9-0) 51 3rd to Seattle Rhyme (9-0) (1m, group I, £135,994, 8 ran) with NINJA DANCER (9-0) 3½ 5th and THOURIOS (9-0) ½ 7th.

DR DEVIOUS May 2, Churchill Downs, fast: (9-0) 8I 7th to Lil E Tee (9-0) (1m 2f, grade I, £309,851, 18 ran).

Apr 16, Newmarket, c ALNASH ALWASHEEK Oct 18, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) best GREAT PALM (9-0) 2½! (7f, group I, £130,195, 9 ran) with THOURIOS (9-0) short head 3rd and YOUNG SENOR (9-0) 81 7th.

GREAT PALM

May 13, York, good to firm: see ALNASR ALWASHEEK. Aug 22, York, good: (9-0) beat Wessam (9-0) 21/21 (6f, maiden, £7,635, 11 ran).

LOBILIO

May 21, Goodwood, firm: (9-3) 341 2nd to Landowner (8-13) (1m 44, handicap, £3,785, 7 ran). Apr 14, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) 9th to lywsan (9-0) (1m 4t, maiden, £2,950, 11 ran). **MUHTARRAM**

May 2, Newmarket, good: RODRIGO DE TRIANO. Apr 16, Newmarket, good: see ALNASR ALWASHEEK. Oct 29, Leicester, firm: (9-2) beat Bilateral (9-4) 1i (71, stakes, 52,709, 5 ran) with ALFLORA (9-2) 2l 3rd.

NINJA DANCER May 19, Goodwood, good to firm:

Apr 16, Newmarket, good: see TWIST AND TURN. Oct 28, Doncaster, good: see ASSESSOR.

PARADISE NAVY

May 15, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) 3½! 2nd to Faugeron (9-0) (1m 6f, maiden, £3,425, 6 ran). Apr 10, Newbury, good to soft: (9-0) 271 7th to Tapis Rouge (9-0) (1m 3f, maiden, 23,494, 10 ran).

POLLEN COUNT

Apr 25, Sandown, good to soft: (8-11) beat Aljadeer (8-11) a heed (1m 2i, group iii, 232,040, 10 ran) with ASSESSOR (8-11) 51 3rd and ALFLORA (8-11) 81 7th. Apr 3, Kempton, good to soft: (8-11) best Free Flyer (8-3) 2 (1m, graduation, £3,574, 15 ran). Sep 16, Laicester, pood: (9-0) 4l 3rd to Nan A Buok (9-0) (7f, maiden, £3,015, 18 ran).

RAINBOW CORNER

May 10, Longohamp, good: (9-2) short neck 2nd to Shanghai (9-2) (1m, group I, £102,775, 9 ran). Apr 20, Longchamp, good: (9-2) beat Highest Ody (9-2) a neck (1m, group III, £20,555, 10 ran). group is, 220,555, to ranj.

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RODRIGO DE TRIANO May 16, Curragh, good to yielding: (9-0) beat Ezzoud (9-0) 11 (1m, group I, £122,000, 6 ran).

May 2, Newmerket, good: (9-0) beat Lucto Lindy (9-0) 19 (1m, group I, £113,736, 16 ran) with SILVER WISP (9-0) 19 4 4th, MUHTARRAM (9-0) 19 5 th, THOURIOS (9-0) 29 12 17th and ALNASR ALWASHEEK (9-0) 441 9th.

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Apr 11, Newbury, good to soft: (9-0) 21/21 4th to Lion Cavern (71, group III, E18,558, B ran) with ALFLORA (9-0)

SILVER WISP

May 2, Newmarket, good: see RODRIGO DE TRIANO. Apr 18, Kempton, good to soft, (8-10) 21 3rd to Lucky Lindy (8-6) (1m, listed, £12,794, 6 ran). Aug 15, Salisbury, firm: (9-5) beat Green's Colourist (8-7) 5i (7f, graduation, 25,900, 6 ran).

ST JOVITE

May 9, Leopardstown, good to yielding: (8-0) beat Firing Line (8-11) 3I (1m 2I, group III, \$24,000, 5 ran). Apr 11, Curregh, soft to heavy: (8-10) B44 4th to Bezelle (8-7) (71, group III, £11,500, 7 ran). Oct 5, Longchamp, good to soft: use RAINBOW CORNER.

THOURIOS

May 2, Newmarkst, good: se RODRIGO DE TRIANO. Oct 26, Doncester, good: see ASSESSOR.

TWIST AND TURN

May 5, Chester, good: (8-11) best Jape (8-11) ¾I (1m 4f 86yd, group III, £29,808, 5 ran). Apr 18, Newmerket, good: (8-11) beat YOUNG SENOR (9-2) a head (1m 11, listed, £10,416, 8 ran) with NINJA DANCER (9-5) 18i 8th. Sap 28, Ascot, good to soft: (8-10) 1%13rd to Made of Gold (8-10) (1m, group il, £86,329, 8 ran).

WELL SADDLED May 19, Goodwood, good to firm: (9-5) 7l 5th to Baluga (8-2) (1m, h'cap, £3,720, 13 ran). Oct 29, Salisbury, good: (9-0) beet Constructavist (9-0) . 2½! (7!, maiden, £2,407, 9 ran).

YOUNG FREEMAN

May 19, Goodwood, good to firm: (8-12) 61 4th to Jeune (8-12) (1m 2t, listed, £18,600, 9 ran) with NINJA DANCER (9-1) short head 5th. May 7. Brighton, good to firm: (8-8) best Maji (8-3) 81 (1m 2f, maiden, £1,932, 6 ran).
Nov 1, Newmarket, good to soft: (8-10) 11 2nd to Hill Glitter (8-10) (1m, stakes, £5,322, 14 ran).

YOUNG SENOR May 13, York, good to firm: see ALNASR ALWASHEEK. Apr 16, Newmarket, good: see TWIST AND TURN. Oct 18, Newmarket, good to firm: bee DR DEVIOUS.

Selection: MUHTARRAM (nep)

prove the soundest yardstick.

are probable stayers, but need

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In conclusion, Assessor is

granted the benefit of the

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Pollen Count and Dr Devi-

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anticipate improvement from

Muhtarram and Silver Wisp.

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St Jovite and Great Palm

Classy Pollen Count offers value with paucity of proven stayers

By GERALD HUBBARD, THE TIMES PRIVATE HANDICAPPER

RESULTS speak louder than words in racing. Even with hindsight, the last ten Derby winners were likely or certain to stay the distance.

Form lines stemming from his two classic victories over one mile ensure that Rodrigo De Triano is top-rated but, judged on his pedigree, it is difficult to stretch his hypothetical stamina beyond the mile and a quarter. There is a paucity of proven

stamina this year. However, both Assessor and Twist And Turn have proved their ability over the distance. On form I prefer the former, though Twist And Turn cannot be dismissed out of hand. It is ironic that Assessor's

Lingfield form is the hardest of any Derby trial to assess. If it could be assumed that Bonny Scot (92 lengths third) gave his true running. then Assessor is indeed a smart animal.

The positions of Anchorite and Spartan Shareef (5th and 6th) go some way to confirming an elevated view of the form. However, it is the thought of tenuous assessment which a handicapper seeks to avoid when possible. In truth, the form could be English 2,000 Guineas may excellent or average.

What is certain, there is little to choose between Alnasr Alwasheek and Dr Devious. On 5lb better terms Dr Devious must have some chance of reversing Craven Stakes form with the subsequent Dante winner.

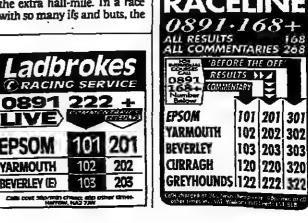
Pollen Count has marginal stamina doubts, but there are no quibbles as to his class. He verges on classic status and represents good value at his current price. There is little to choose

between Muhtarram and Silver Wisp on Guineas form. They could both make substantial improvement over the extra half-mile. In a race with so many its and buts, the

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Making a comeback to match Sinatra

The secret to today's Derby was discovered around breakfast time on Monday by Ted Con-dron, doorman of the Berkeley Hotel in fashionable

Born 48 years ago, a dozen or so furlongs from the lush turf of the Curragh racecourse, the Irishman has racing running through his veins like so many of his fellow countrymen. When Robert Sangster came down from his fifth floor suite. Condron just had to ask: Do you think Rodrigo will

stay the trip, sir?" Sangster, up until the early hours with Frank Sinatra. had asked himself the same question a dozen times about his dual 2,000 Guineas winner. Now he knew the answer. "Frankly, no."

As the gypsies set up their stalls on the Epsom Downs this morning and the Oucen prepares to open the new icing-sugar white grandstand in her name, remember this; win or lose, today's race is about Rodrigo De Triano and, above all, Lester

Piggott. Without the near magical presence of the 56-year-old grandlather and a horse named after Columbus's lookout 500 years ago, the 213th running of the world's premier classic would be in danger of becoming one of the most for-

gettable in memory.

A tenth Derby win for Piggott would do to the emotions what Epsom's cambers and bends have

done to so many runners

and send them spinning out

The decision to run Rodrigo De Triano

has added an extra dimension to today's Derby. Richard Evans met his

sporting owner, Robert Sangster

of control. Tears would flow unashamedly. The man who watched the Derby four years ago while detained at Her Majesty's pleasure. would have put the finishing touches to a remarkable

Almost as remarkable, in fact, as that of the horse's owner. After the glory years of the late 1970s and early 1980s, during which he was leading owner five times. Sangster was perceived within the racing world to have been blown off the turi by the arrival of the oil-rich Maktoum family.

His demise was somewhat exaggerated - seven group one winners in Australia in 1988 went largely unnoticed - but an end to spending dollars in telephone numbers at the Kentucky sales, the unhappy experience with Michael Dickinson at Manton, and the collapse of the bloodstock market combined with the recession only served to confirm impressions.

As he looked out from his hotel suite this week, he admitted some of the fun had begun to disappear from racing during those

"tricky veats." Sangster, in many ways the antithesis of a turf tycoon, does not employ a racing manager, a curse of

modern-day racing. While those closest to Shaikh Mohammed played cat and

mouse yet again this week

over the running of Pollen

Count, Sangster could not have been more open. He is a clubbable man, a sportsman in spirit and practice, who knows that coping with the disappointment of defeat enriches the pleasure gained from any success. Yet even his patience came close to break-

I had began not to enjoy racing so much because of the pressures of being under the microscope and everyone saying what a bad time I was having," he explained. Following an abortive at-



Piggott: tenth win would tug the heart strings

tempt to sell Manton two years ago. Sangster changed tack. "After a very high profile operation we went lowkey and made it more fun again. Peter Chapple-Hyam suited me as a trainer because he was quiet, unassuming and very relaxed with horses. At Manton, I had always hankered to have fun again by racing one's home-breds."

Although the emphasis was different, the new approach fitted snugly with the Sangster strategy devel-oped in the 1970s. Along with John Magnier and Vincent O'Brien, he set out to build up gradually the best bloodstock, based on Northem Dancer's progeny, from which to breed.

"We have ended up with the best stallion station in the world. It takes time, and anyone wanting to start now would have to wait 15 years before they knew if it was a success or failure. Fortunately we laid down our ground-bait before the Arabs came into the market and we have got a ten-year run on them.

Ironically, Sangster initially believed the batch of two-year-old home-breds in Chappie-Hyam's care last year was nothing special. "It's like wine. You get good crops and bad crops. Funnienough, we thought the Rodrigo crop was not that

good. Rodrigo and Dr Devious. mischievously named after one of Sangster's vets.

proved him glorously wrong

as they swept up most of the

top juvenile prizes.

money where his mouth is and backed speedily-bred Rodrigo for the 2,000 Guineas, the Derby was the last thought on his mind. "During the winter months, when the bookmakers had Rodrigo at 20-1 for the Derby, I thought it was

While Sangster put his

the most ridiculous price as I had no intention of runming the horse. "It was after watching the film of the Irish Guineas, when I realised Lester hardly gave him a race, that I thought maybe we have got

"The only way we will find out is by running him. It is easy to have theories, but you have to find out. To come from three lengths off the pace at the Curragh on good to yielding ground and show that turn of foot... you would never forgive yourself if you didn't give him a chance to do that in the Derby."

doubts. One Newmarket figure has promised to blow a ping-pong ball all the way down Bury Road if Rodrigo wins, while an expert on The Sporting Life has promised to eat his rubber duck. "While I believe he won't stay, there is that wonderful

hope that it could come off.

Racing is part of the enter-

tainment business and it is

He knows all about the

a bit like having Sinatra on stage. You want to get the crowds in and you owe it to the industry to run." In the words of the old crooner, Sangster is doing it his way, and both he and racing are the winners.

Edwards draws

his inspiration

from the sandpit

F THE sight of a British

care, it is carer still to see one

ning, jump here on Monday

evening than the autograph

hunters were upon him. The 11,000 tickets given

away to children, to stimulate

Czechoslovakia's young into

taking up athletics, had helped to fill the stadium for

the IAAF invitation meeting; to young eyes that had fol-lowed a keen contest, the Ed-

wards signature seemed as

good a one to hustle for as

Edwards was happy to

sign, and why not? This has

been a good year for him. It was good even before it began. His religious beliefs

prevent him from competing

on Sundays and the timetable

cost him a place in the world championships in Tokyo last year. He knew then, however.

that he would be all right for

the Olympics, that the Barce-

iona programme had set the

qualifying competition for a

Saturday and the final two

The preacher's son is con-

days later.

Michael Johnson's.

Curtis leads the way on a day of dour batting in county cricket championship

Caution casts long and dreary shadow

BY RICHARD STREETON

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (first day of three; Kent won toss): Worcestershire have scored 291 for five wickets against

DOUR batting by Tim Cur-tis, who managed only seven fours as he stayed all day, held the Worcestershire innings together yesterday after a shaky start. Leatherdale was occasionally more free as he shared a century stand for the fourth wicket but overall the Worcestershire batting was excessively dreary.

Caution cast its shadows from the start when Benson gave Worcestershire first use of a docile, grassless pitch. It bred suspicions that he had little faith in his bowlers and pinned all his hopes on succeeding in a run chase tomorrow. This was not how threeday cricket used to be played and underlined yet again why the structure of the county game has had to be changed. At least modern day tactics

from both sides could not detract from the aesthetic appeal of the Nevill ground at this time of the year. Like several counties with festival weeks. Kent have much ago-nising to do before next year's programme is restricted to 17 four-day matches. The grapevine has it that Tunbridge Wells will retain a fixture and that was good to hear.

Worcestershire have not often played here and their 1960 visit produced the last occasion when a championship game was completed on the first day. Kent made 187 and Worcestershire 25 and 61 and the match understandably has passed into legend. Curtis as he crawled to 50 in 50 overs gave every impression that all he wanted

to do was to ensure that there

was no repetition. Leatherdale needed 25 overs to reach double figures. though to be fair, he was playing for a regular place and has also been advised to curb his natural aggression until he has settled. Curtis survived a chance when he was 45 and mis-hooked against Igglesden but Leatherdale avoided serious

They came together at 89 after Seymour, Moody and Haynes all failed. Seymour mis-timed a drive and was caught at mid-on, the sixth time in his last seven innings that he has been held either there or at mid-off. Moody stayed 16 overs for 13 before he edged an out-swinger. Haynes was also caught behind against Hooper in the off-spinner's first over.

By tea Worcestershire were 177 from 73 overs before Leatherdale led a much-needed acceleration with attractive drives. Curtis had just reached 100 out of 253 in the 96th over with five fours when Leatherdale was out to the next ball. He moved forward to drive Ealharn but played across the line and was leg before. Leatherdale hit 12 fours in his 91, faced 198 balls and helped to add 164 in 63 overs.

Ealham went on to have Lampitt leg-before and looked the steadlest of the Kent bowlers, while Ellison did not always have the best of luck. In contrast to Worcestershire, who included both their left arm spinners, Illingworth and Stemp, Kent had only Hooper to provide spin. The West Indian showed good control in two lengthy spells.



Caught cold: Haynes falls to Marsh, the Kent wicketkeeper, off Hooper's first ball at Tunbridge Wells

for four, Waugh having made precisely half through a glori-

ous array of cuts and drives either side of the wicket.

Once he walked down the

pitch to Barwick and lofted

him into the River Cam, a

Barwick bowled him in the

end, but only through

Waugh's self-induced error.

The best bowling in condi-tions which, before the pitch

dried out, favoured the seam-

glorious piece of timing.

Young Essex catching up in style

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD (first day of three; Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan, with all first-Innings wickets in hand, are 302 runs behind Essex

EVEN in the absence of their England cricketers, Essex are a joy to watch. Two of their younger batsmen, Nick Knight and Nadeem Shahid, played innings yesterday that they will rarely improve on this season. Much the same could have been said of Mark Waugh, had he not been in

HAMPSHIRE showed at

Basingstoke yesterday that

they do not lack the strength

in depth that all contenders

for the championship must

have. The back of the York-

shire batting was broken by

Paul-Jan Bakker, the Dutch

fast-medium bowler, who

was playing his first game of

Bakker, playing because of

injuries to Marshall and

Shine, took three wickets in

nine balls either side of the

lunch interval as Yorkshire

collapsed to 96 for four.

Tendulkar lasted only two de-

liveries before Bakker, who

finished with four for 38,

The upshot was much needed maximum batting points. Largely as a result of having played less championship cricket than any other county. Essex have some catching up to do. Lancashire, for examie, have played six matches to their three, a curious anomaly. So their innings was never anything other than purposeful.

If Waugh timed the ball better than anybody, Knight hit it harder and Shahid struck it to the best effect. Even though he made a century in his last championship

By Geoffrey Wheeler

knocked back his off stump.

Yorkshire could muster only

210 and Hampshire made

There were strange goings

on at Northampton where 22

wickets fell during the day on

a pitch relaid two winters ago

in accordance with instruc-

tions from the TCCB pitches

The home side, put in by

Leicestershire, were rushed

out for 117 but still gained a

first-innings lead of 40.

Northamptonshire then lost

Felton and Fordham again

but, at 56 for two, must feel

they have nearly enough al-

inspector, Harry Brind.

30 without loss in reply.

lent one at that, most probahly he would not have been playing had Gooch been

Time was when Essex had only 12 players from which to choose their entire side. Now. they have a plethora of gifted young cricketers whom they promote at the earliest opportunity. Shahid and Hussain were given their chances at a time when a different captain and cricket committee would have stuck with Hardie and

younger batsmen to do here.

able," Leicestershire's cap-

tain, Nigel Briers, said. "It's

good cricket wicket.'

Northamptonshire's Mike

Procter said. The umpires

have yet to give their opinion.

minutes for 44 at the Oval,

where Derbyshire crawled to

248 for nine against Surrey.

for whom Martin Bicknell

took four for 56. Paul Hen-

derson. Darham's 17-year-

old all-rounder, was back from the examination room

to take three wickets as Som-

erset failed to build on a

bright start at Darlington

and were dismissed for 270.

Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 2) 11

Total (58.1 overs) _

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-94, 3-49, 4-49, 5-50, 6-69, 7-83, 8-63, 8-90.
BOWLING: Benjamut 20-8-33-3, Million 13-4-25-1; Wells 13.1-3-26-4; Muttaffy 7-1-24-2.

Second Innings

Extras (0 3, lb 1) _____4

Dominic Cork batted 195

ers, came from Watkin. He beat Prichard with one that kept low and had Stephenson There was much for the taken at short leg off the handle.

Bastien too uppishly to cover Bakker provides the back-up point, Knight and Shahid were left with quite a task. Save for his unorthodox way of playing the short-pitched ball, Knight was rarely trouon the pitch than is desir-

As for Shahid, his century here against Kent was made in not dissimilar circumstances. His temperament was matched by his selection of shot. Aiming for a lifteenth four that would have brought him another century, he snatched at a drive against Watkin and was held at midoff. He and Knight put on 147 in 53 overs. Foster, playing in his first championship match of the season, went first ball, whereupon Garnham and Topley added sufficient runs to enable Essex to gain a fourth batting point and declare.

Ostler is quick to take command

HOVE (first day of three; Warwickshire won toss): Sussex, with nine wickets in hand, are 323 runs behind Warwickshire

DOMINIC Ostler and Andy Moles scored centuries of contrasting styles, exploiting a good, true pitch and some equally benign bowling. Then Reeve, in perky if not downright insolent mood, pressed home the advantage, en-When Hussain drove abling Lloyd to deciare and leave Sussex with 45 minutes' batting against Small and Donald - a proposition of an altogether different colour to that presented by their own honest toilers, Stephenson anart.

> Sussex lost Hall to Small before the close and, for the moment at least, are up against it. Somehow, though, such is the nature of the pitch. that it would be no surprise if this turned out to be a declaration match. If so, Warwickshire are in a position from which to direct events.

It was a day in which several minor milestones were passed, one little gem being that Warwickshire's batsmen have now scored more centuries this summer than in last season. However many more are scored, few will eclipse Ostier's yesterday.

He came to the wicket in the seventh over, after the unformnate Twose had fended off a rising ball from Ste-phenson with his chin, the ball having made an awful mess of the face-guard of his

helmet. While Twose retired to have stitches in his mouth, Ostler exhibited remarkable poise. The imperturbability of Moles, also bruised by Stephenson, was a help, but Ostier played with such authority it was hard to credit that this was only his third century for Warwickshire. While Moles mudged his

way along, eponymous, almost anonymous to the end, Ostier played with a full, free swing of the bat. He reached his century in two hours and 40 minutes, playing some delightful strokes between mid-on and mid-wicket. His penchant for the on side brought him his sixteenth four, from which he reached his century, and it brought about his downfall.

In trying to force North to leg he hit across the line and was bowied. Moles, play and miss though he did, seldom looked in danger of such a straightforward fate. He batted for more than four-and-ahalf hours, teasing third man unmercifully.

Kent v Worcs

Oxford U v Lancs

LANCASHIRE: First Immgs

not but FALL OF WACKETS 1-50, 2-201, 3-209.

Total (1 wis) 27 A Stone, C Keey, "G B T Lovell, S N Wartey, H Maith, fl H Macdonald, M.Jeh, D Anderson and 1C Townsend to bet Umpres: B Dudleston and D Fewtmer-Centers

of field events, as they used to be, not with Steve Backley, Dalton Grant and Mick Hill. riple jumper winning an international competition is mobbed by spectators. But no sooner had Jonathan Edwinner of the javelin here with \$1.18 metres. Could Ed. wards delivered his final, winwards be next?

"I feel very happy for my chances in the Olympics," he said. "I would be hopeful o getting in the top eight and if I can get in the top eight, why not the top three?" A jump of 17.43 metres ranked him ninth in the world last year, without the incentive of Tokyo to bring him on, and the Barcelona bronze is unlikely to require more than 17.50. This weekend Edwards

aged 26, will be back in Brit-

ain competing. He will try

two competitions in two days, both in Sheffield, to toughen himself up for the two in three days he will face if he reaches the Barcelona final. Only 4,000 of the 25,000 rickets have been sold for the Pearl International meeting at Sheffield on Friday, which features a novel series of relay

sidering a future in the church but, for the moment. BRITISH TEAMS, Men: 4 x 200m; L Christo (Tharnes Valer), J Rega (Belgrave), M Adam (Belgrave), M Rosswess (Bergriek!) 4 x 800m; P Elet his mind is more on the sandpit than the pulpit. He has taken the summer off work to prepare for the Olym-pics and his third place in Jena last Thursday with 16.94 metres, followed by a winning 17.18 here, has been a promising start. Britain's

international.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain in search of unity

Queensland Country... 10 Great Britain...

FROM & CORRESPONDENT IN TOWNSVILLE

THIS was the last of the easy matches Great Britain were expected to win, the ones that were to weld them into a hardened unit ready for the stern challenges ahead.

That happy state is, alas, still some way away. As in Papua New Guinea, an enthusiastic local side harried the Great Britain team into handling and positional mistakes, though the steady improvement in defence at least continued.

This first match in Australia was dogged by misfortune. The Queensland Rugby League objected to Michael Jackson being cleared to play with the help of the Interna-tional Board, and forced his withdrawal.

Great Britain's shortage of fit forwards forced Malcolm Reilly, the coach, to play the Hull Kingston Rovers centre. Graeme Hallas, in the second row and name Denis Betts as a substitute, despite his blistered feet

The Queensland side opened the scoring within ten minutes, and it took to the end of the first quarter for Great Britain to reply. A long pass from Andy Gregory, carried forward by Gary Connolly, produced a try for John Devereux.

The Queenslanders' only try enabled them to retake the lead when a high ball was fumbled by Devereux and pounced on by Peter Hamilton.

Trailing 6-4 at half-time. two quick tries ten minutes into the second half saved Great Britain. A sharp pass from Gregory to Paul Newlove saw him make ground and pass inside to Billy McGinty for the first. and the second saw an Otherwise tight defence split for Shaun Edwards to score.

goal on a disastrous night for the British kickers to take them 14-6 ahead, and although the lead was whittled away by two penalties, they held on to keep their unbeaten record. Doe Grima, the Widnes prop forward, has joined Keighley.

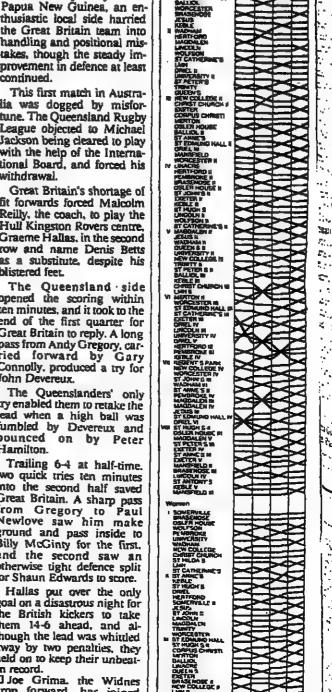
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Somerville and Oriel in charge

ROWING

ished as head crews in the men's and women's divisions of Oxford University summer

Knocked off the top two years ago by University, Oriel bumped them on the opening day and then held off a determined challenge from Pembroke.



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ready. "There was more grass YESTERDAY'S BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

Durham v Somerset DARLINGTON (first day of three; Somerset won toss), Dutham, with nine first-trainings wickets in hand, are 217 name behind Somerset SOMERSET: First innings

Extras (16 15, w 4, nb 2) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-95, 2-150, 3-153, 4-177, 5-198, 6-221, 7-236, 8-254, 9-265.

BOMLING: Brown 19-3-71-4; Hughes 20.5-2-50-1; Henderson 19-1-59-3; Graveney 15-4-30-0; Bainbridge 20-4-V Lartins c Trump b Caddick W G Perker not out ______ M Jones not out _____

Total (1 widt, 13 overs) J D Glendenen, P Beinbridge, M P Briers, †C W Scott, P W Henderson, *D A Graveney, S P Hughes and S J E Brown to FALL OF WICKET: 1-27 Bonus points: Durham 4, Somerset 3. Umpires: H D Bird and N T Plews.

Hanta v Yorka BASINGSTOKE (first day of three; York-shire won loss): Hampshire, with all first-mungs wickets in hand, are 180 runs behind Yorkshire

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Byas b Bakker syzes b Bakker - sande! - syzes b Bakker b Bakker - Aymes b Ayling C White c Middleton b Bakker - P Carrick flow b Manu - J Harriery b Udds - Gough b Ayling - W Jarvie not out - 0 Bakky c Ayring - C Bakky c Ayring - Sou Score after 100 overs: 210-8. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-95, 3-95, 4-96, 5-116, 6-130, 7-171, 8-199, 9-199. BOWLING: Connor 17-5-52-0; Baldur 22-5-38-4; Jemes 14-6-35-0; Maru 13-5-17-1; Ayling 19.3-5-41-3; Udal 15-8-21-1 HAMPSHIRE First Princip

Total (no wkt, 17 overs) . D I Gower, "M C J Nicholes, J FI Wood, J FI Ayling, †A N Aymes, FI J Maru, S D Udel, C A Connor and P J Bakker to bet. Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Yorkshir Umpires: D J Constant and R Julian

Northents v Leics NORTHAMPTON (first day of three; Lee-

MORTHAMPTONSHERE: First innings
A Fortham c Whitticase b Benjamin . 14
N A Featon c Whitticase b Wells . 28
J Balley c Benson b Benjamin . 2
D J Capel c Milling b Wells . 3
M B Loye c Benson b Benjamin . 3
K M Curran c Boon b Wells . 3

TODAY'S FORWARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship 11.0, 110 overs minimum DARLINGTON: Durham v Somerant CHELMSFORD: Essex v Glamorgen BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Yorkshire YUNBRIDGE WELL & Kani v Worden

NORTHAMPTON: Northemptomenire v TRENT BRIDGE; Notunghamable v THE OVAL: Surrey v Derbyshire Other match 11.30 to 6.30 THE PARKS: Oxford University v Lancashira

Lancashira
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP
March: Cambridgestire v Staffordshire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Armanford: Glarior-tian - Easter Bristot: Gloventerships

oughborough Grammar Schoo sicestershire v Derbyshire Gundl choot Northamptonshire v Middlesei hirocake: Nottlinghamshire v Durham tratford-Upon-Avon: Wanwickshire FOOTBALL Finland v England (in Helstnki, 5.0)

Norway v Scotland (in Oslo, 7.0) OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Milk Race, ninth stage (Dur-ham to Sunderland). GOLF: British youth internationals and championships (Northumberland) SPEEDWAY: Homefire League: Second division: Long Eaton v Berwich (7.30). Speedway Star Knockout Cup: First round, second leg: Poole v Cradley Month (7.40).

Total (32.3 overs) .. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-4, 3-42, 4-81, 5-52, 6-54, 7-60, 8-72, 9-74. BOWLING: Antirose 13-234-2; Taylor 8-3-12-1; Curran 8-2-17-3; Capel 3-3-0-12-3; Borasa points; Northumptonahura 4, Laicesterahura 4

Essex v Glamorgan CHELMSFORD (limit day of Brace Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan, with all first-transga wichets in hand, are 302 num-balling Essex

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P J Prichered b Watton
J P Stephenson c Jimmes b Western
M E Weugh D Bervrick
N Hassain c Cottey b Bestern
N Y Knight c Richards b Croft
N Stated C Servetch Western
M A Gernhum not out
T D Topley not out

Total (7 wkis dec, 98 overs) . . . 313 M C Roft and J H Childs did not but FALL OF WICKETS 1-11, 2-42, 3-82, 4-104, 5-251, 6-283, 7-283. **GLAMORGAN**: First Innings

A Date, "M P Maymerd, I V A Richards, P A Cottay, R D B Croft, †C P Metgen, S L Wastein, S R Berwick and S Bastles to bat. Bonus points: Essex 4, Glarmorgen 3 Umpires: J C Battlerstone and R C Tolchard

Sussex v Warwicks wickets in hand, are 323 runs behind WARWICKSHIRE First Innings A J Moles c Proofs to Donalan __

Total (5 wids dec, 96 overs) 340

1K J Piper, G C Smell and A A Donald did FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-223, 3-259, 4-324, 5-328 BOWLING Stephenson 12.3:3-41-0: Pspott 17.3-5:52-1, Jones 15:3-56-1; North 23-3-78-1, Lentern 3-1-8-0; Donelan 23-3-91-2; Wells 4-1-12-0 SUSSEX: First Innings

D M South not out ______ I South B T P Donetan not out ______ I Total (1 wkt, 10 overs) N J Lenham, "A P Wells, M P Speight, †P Moores, F D Stephenson, J A North, A C S Pigott and A N Jones to bat. FALL OF WICKET: 1-8.

Surrey v Derbys THE OVAL (first day of times; Derbysten won toes): Derbystene have scored 24 sums for nine wichets against Surray

DERBYSHME: First Innings

"K J Barnett e Thorpe b Benyamn _
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D M P Blochrell

C J Adams e Brown b M P Blochrell

D G Cork flow b M P Blochrell

1K M Kritiken e Kondruck b Felthane

1R Bithop Bar is Bolding

A E Warner e Thorpe b M P Blocknell

R W Stadden not out

Score efter 198 overs: 205-7 FALL OF WICKETS 1-27, 2-97, 3-101, 4 118, 5-129, 6-140, 7-193, 8-231, 9-244. SUPPLEY: D J Biclandi, 1D G C Lager-wood, G P Thorps, "MALynch, D M Ward, A D Brown, M A Feltham, M P Bicknell, N M Kandrick, J Bolling and J E Senjanin to Bonus points: Surrey 3, Derbystore 2. Umpires: G | Burgess and D Q Octes.

Total (9 wids) ____ 248

TUNGRIUGE WELLS (first day of three: Kent won loca): Warpssterahire have scored 291 for five mohels against Kent WORCESTERSHIRE: First treings

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KENT: T R Ward, "M R Benson, N R
Taylor, C L Hooper, G R Cowdrey, N J
Llong, 15 A Marsh, M A Esham, R M
Elisen, C Perm and A P 1gglesden to bat.

Sorus pounts Kent 1, Wordestarshire 3 Umpres J.H.Harres and P.B. Wight.

Other match

LANCASTARRE First linnings
G Fowler c Warley b Jeh
S P Trichard libe b Gallien
M A Atherioric Townsend b Jeh
M H Fartroritor not our
G D Lloyd not out
Extras (b 9, w 7, nb 11)

BOWLING Jan 22:1-102-2, Gallern 17-4-47-1, Anderson 16-7-29-0; Macdonald 20-5-85-0; Makk, 14-2-81-0 OXFORD UNIVERSITY; First Innings

Robertson, G. Kerr (aub. P. Feiter); J. Hetherngton, C. Gend. E. Kennedy, K. Marty, B. Pise, S. Retchiese (sub. S. Mile), M. Cittland (sub. S. Belte), C. Sperk. GREAT BRITAIN: J. Lydon (sub: D. Bents); J. Deveraux (aub.: P. Newtows), G. Connelly, K. Bile, A. Hunte, S. Edwards, A. Gregory (aub. D. Fod); I. Lucas (aub. K. Skerrett), L. Jeckson. N. Coule, K. Feirbank, G. Hultus B. McGenty Reference; J. Willey [Townsville].

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minessen Bravers 5, Detroit Tigers 2 fromto Blue Jaya 5. Nimsects Twins 3 (10 innungs); Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City Royles 3 New York Yerkwe 7, Texas Rangers 1; Osidend A's 10. Boston Red Sox 7, Bettimore Orioles 8, California Angels 2. BASKETBALL

GLASGOW: British bantamweight changionship: Drew Dochert, (Condomnt) bi Jon Kally (Glasgow, holder), rec. Ser Feather (6 mas). Dave Mchald (Glasgow) bi Chris Jickles (Brogs), rac 4n. Bantam (6 mas): Alex Docherty (Chagnesh) bi Phober Bracklock (Botton-on-Deans), pile Danny Porter (Hetchin) bi Myout Matthewa (Walles), pile.

in two runs in a 4-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

three runs with four hits and scored twice to lead the Baltimore Orioles to their third successive win, 8-2 over the California Angels, who have lost 13 of their last 16 games. The Yakuit Swallows, of

the Japanese League, are pur-Texas Rangers, according to the newspaper. Sports Nippon. Ryan, aged 45, the strikeout king, has been my-ing to find his form after an injury. Japanese clubs may

Coach prepares for final build-up game

Roxburgh looks to keep Scotland's opponents guessing

FROM RODDY FORSYTH IN OSLO

IN CONTRAST to Graham knew how he would use his and so does every other manplayers for the opening match Taylor, whose England selection this afternoon should against the Netherlands in bear a close resemblance to group 2 next week. "Well, I'm the team that will embark on pretty certain what I want but the European football as usual I have several continchampionship finals. Andy gency arrangements." Roxburgh intends to provide

The alternative scenarios will only be called upon if the Scots should suffer from injuries to key players. Roxburgh and his assistant, Craig Brown, would like to beat Norway to sustain a consistent run of results since the World Cup finals of 1990, but both would accept defeat with relief providing their strength was not depleted.

"We have said again and again that the purpose of this game is to have our players at match fitness before the real action begins," Roxburgh said. "It means that we must take a gamble that they all emerge standing up but it's a whether Roxburgh himself risk we simply have to accept

Denmark welcome demanding test

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Copenhagen: What began as a meaningless international who are also in the finals, for Denmark against the CIS here today has been transformed by a late call-up for the European championship into the team's most impor-

few clues to his long-term

strategy when Scotland meet

Norway in the Ulleval stadi-

um here in their final warm-

"We know that our oppo-nents in the finals will all be

watching what we do very

carefully and I simply don't

want to offer them anything

which will make their jobs

any easier and ours any hard-

"Certainly, they will see most of our squad in action

because we intend to make

full use of our susbtitutes," the

The question begged was

er," he said yesterday.

Scotland coach added.

up match.

tant game for months. Given less than two weeks to prepare for the championship finals, which start next Wednesday, Denmark, included after Yugoslavia's expulsion at the weekend, are poking to today's game to lift themselves mentally. The Danes, who are working overtime to be ready for their first match, against England in

Malmo a week tomorrow, are

gives the Danish coach, Richard Moeller Nielsen, an ideal opportunity to assess his like-Despite poor recent results, the Danes believe that with

The match with the CIS,

Brian Laudrup, the Bayern Munich forward, back in a squad that could include Flemming Povisen, of Borussia Dortmund, and Peter Schmeichel, of Manchester United, they may surprise a few people.

The match is just as important for the players of a CIS squad from nine countries who have little experience of playing together. (Reuter)

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erwise qualified.

The case of Andy Goram epitomises Roxburgh's concern. The Rangers goalkeep-er missed both of the North American tour games. against the United States and Canada, because of damaged knees, which required a course of injections, and when he rejoined the squad at Perth last week he was over-weight and out of condition.

We were concerned about him at the end of last week." Roxburgh said, "but he deserves credit for having worked extremely hard to get himself back into shape since then. Now he only needs a game under his belt to have him ready for Sweden."

Goram said that while his colleagues in the squad were enjoying a weekend with their families, he was training in a field behind his home in Penicuick, outside Edinburgh. "I didn't feel I was far away from being ready to play but just to make sure I ran and sweated until I lost about five pounds," he said.

Another player certain to appear is Maurice Malpas, of Dundee United, who will thus acquire his fiftieth cap. He will not necessarily appear in the starting line-up because Roxburgh's custom of appointing players who reach their international halfcentury as captain will be dropped this evening in fa-your of continuity before the

European finals. So insistent is Roxburgh that he will explore several options tonight, it is futile to even hazard a guess at a probable selection. By the end of the evening, however, a count of fit personnel should permit us to begin assessing likely permutations for the first of the battles proper, the meeting with the Nether-lands in Gothenburg on Fri-

BASEBALL

College recruit for desperate Astros

THE Houston Astros used the first turn in the amateur the first turn in the amateur free agent draft on Monday Chicago Cubs defeated the to select a hard-hitting third Padres 6-1. baseman, Phil Nevin. of Fullerron State. Nevin, aged 21. batted 391 with 20 home runs and 71 runs batted in

this season and was named college player of the year.
Houston, the worst team in the Naminal League, are desperate for help and intend to bring him along quickly. On Sinday, Gary Carter hit a second-inning home run

to start a four-run surge. lifting the Montreal Expos to a 6-2 away victory over the Ciuchanati Reds. Montreal stopped Cincinnati's sixgame winning streak as Carter, in his eighteenth season, became the third catcher to play in 2,000 games. Carter had an eventful weekend. On Saturday, Hal Morris, of the Reds, crashed into him and was called out. They ex-changed blows and their teams stormed the field. Carter and Morris were ejected,

play resumed after 15 minutes and the Reds won 9-4. The Reds are percentage points ahead of the San Franciso Giants and the San Diego Padres in the National League West division. Cincinnati did not play on Monday as the New York Mets beat

BASEBALL

the Giants 14-1, led by Bobby Bonilla's grand slam, and the

The Expos named Felipe Alou manager after dismissing Tom Runnelis because of a poor start. Alou, a longtime coach with the club, is the first native of the Dominican Republic to become a majorleague manager.

Scott Erickson, assigned to relief duties two weeks ago, rejoined the starting rotation and put the Minnesota Twins back in first place by percentage points over the Oakland A's in the American League West. He yielded five hits in six innings and Kirby Puckett doubled, tripled and knocked

Mike Devereaux drove in

suing Nolan Ryan, of the carry two Americans.

BOXING

Flyweights square up for record

By Srikumar Sen MOXING CORRESPONDENT

DAVE McAuley, from Northern Ireland, the International Boxing Federation flyweight champion, and Pat Clinton, from Scotland, the World Boxing Organisation champion, could share the highest purse paid to British flyweights - \$1 million. They could meet at the end of the

year in Glasgow.

McAuley's manager. B. J. Eastwood, and Tommy Gilmour. Clinton's manager. told the boxing writers' lunch held to honour Clinton in London yesterday that they would be getting together for talks, in September, provided the boxers came through

their defences safely.

McAuley has a defence next week in Spain and Clinton in September in Glasgow. Gilmour said: "Two great champions need a good payday. I would expect a live gate at the Scottish Exhibition Centre in excess of £500,000."

Michael Richards, the Midland area heavyweight champion, died, aged 24, from heart failure, a postmortem examination has revealed. He collapsed at his Wolverhampton home last week as he loaded a washing

#U-DAVID BIN FEET IN HELSING S

THE main reason for believ-ing that England might re-peat their achievement in the World Cup by reaching the semi-final — or better — of Taylor was a fine coach of lesser players at Lincoln City and Watford, also at Aston the European football championship in Sweden Villa, although with a ques-tion mark. There is a radical starting next week, is that, as in Italy two years ago, no country is nowadays out-standing. That is one of sev-eral ways in which Graham difference between coach and manager. Taylor was also a successful manager at Taylor, the England manag-Lincoln and Watford; whether he is a good manager of England we are about to

In the past week, Taylor has complained about Ray discover. Clemence calling him lucky. Whatever Clemence's ability as a coach may be, he has played and experienced a higher level of club and national football, at domestic and international level, than Taylor has yet In using 51 players in his first 20 matches, Taylor is

lucky to have been lucky, and should be thankful for it. A national manager's job is first and fundamentally se-England would not have oth-

lecting the tactical system that he considers is the best for winning international

Taylor gambling on a lucky streak

system work For tonight's preparatory match against Finland, Tay-

Concentrated power: Steffi Graf plays a backhand on her way to beating Natalia Zvereva at the French

Open tennis championships and winning a place in the semi-finals yesterday. Report, page 32

been that he has had to rear-

range his summer schedule

and postpone wedding plans

to enter half a dozen Ameri-

Bates has no regrets about

deciding to avoid the Olym-

pics. Having sampled the at-

mosphere once, in Seoul, he

were abused by the other

members of the British team

for being professionals," he said. "We were watching the

fencing when a couple of them

came over and started laying

into us. This amateur-profes-

sional business is rubbish. You

can't tell me Linford Christie is

not a professional. The whole

widen the powers of the pro-

fessional arm of the LTA. The

next stage is to establish

centres so that talented ju-

niors can find quality coach-

ing and practise without

The LTA estimates that

over the next year 150 to 160

players will receive individual

attention from the national

training department along-side the work they do with

their individual coaches. The

Rover Scheme has been in-

volved in targeting the best

having to go to London.

"Myself and Andrew Castle

has no wish to do it again.

Despite his new-found form, *

can hard-court events.

Bates salvages a measure of pride

not get involved."

Unfortunately, with only

two-and-a-half hours of prac-

tice on grass so far, there were

times when it seemed Bates

did not want to get involved yesterday either. But with the

prospect of a second-round

meeting with Colin Beecher and his first match on grass

under his belt. Bates left a

happy man. Chris Wilkinson had to fight

long and hard to beat Roger

Smith of the Bahamas, 6-7, 6-

4, 7-5, but the fight may have

been in vain as his next oppo-

Amanda Grunfeld, howev-

er, could not overcome the

talent for the past two years

and, says Richard Lewis, the

head of national training, it is

more "logical" to have it con-

trolled by the training depart-

ment. "Problems can be

resolved more easily," he

said. Lewis, for example, will

have the final say on appoint-

ing coaches for individuals

"We are 75 per cent of the

way to achieving the best

structure," Lewis said. "On

the boys' side, it is getting

more and more competitive.

and junior squads.

nent is Pat Cash.

LTA refines its national training system

BY ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

The problem for any national manager is that he has no opportunity to coach. Walter Winterbottom, the first England team manager and academically an out-standing coach, discovered that 42 years ago when some of England's most famous players were beaten by the United States in the World

lection: in the first place, se-

matches, then selecting the players whose ability and. equally important, character, are most likely to make the

lor has produced an echo of Bobby Robson's uncertainty and fluctuation: a switch to the sweeper system and a 3-5-2 formation — which 1 have been advocating for many years — and with a reversion to the older, tested

Yet by doing so at this late stage, Taylor and his team will be more in need of luck than ever. If he truly believes that the sweeper system is the most appropriate — and the evidence of 1990 sug-gested it is — then why not have persevered with it at every opportunity for the past two scasons?

Outstanding sweepers. such as Koeman, or in the past, Beckenbauer, Bogicevic and Pirri, developed over years. Mark Wright, who is hardly a touch-player and whose 41 caps include only a handful as a sweeper, remains a novice in the role. He, and Taylor, will need luck not so much tonight but against Denmark, France

In no fewer than six of his 20 matches, most notably the final qualifying tie in Poland and the recent international against Brazil, Taylor has had cause to thank his luck. In Poznan, he played the inexperienced Gray. Thomas and Sinton and thanks to Lineker's brilliant equalising goal, got away

and Sweden.

with it. Eight of the squad for Sweden have between them a

rankings computer, she could

not make a dent in the Czecho-

slovak's armour, despite a spir-

ited second set effort, losing 6-

G, P.S.
RESULTB (Great Britain and Ireland unitees stated); Men's singles: First round: G Rusectold (Can) bit A Floure, 7-5, 7-6; J Bettles bit B Lundmin (Aus.), 6-2, 7-6; S Youl (Aus.) bit M Schoffeld, 7-6, 6-2; N Borwick (Aus.) bit M Schoffeld, 7-6, 6-2; N Borwick (Aus.) bit L Meethews, 4-6, 6-4, 6-7; P Refer (US) bit B Telbot (SA), 6-4, 6-7; R Koenig (SA) bit A Footer, 6-7, 7-8, 6-4; Skolle (Aus.) bit R Resheed (Aus.), 7-6, 6-2; M Petchey bit P Hand, 6-3, 7-6; M Kell (US) bit D Ison, 7-8, 6-1.

Women's singles: Fast pound: If Gadde (SA) bit K Hand, 6-0, 6-4; J Sentrock (US) bit T Gadde (SA), 6-2, 7-8; C Benjamin (US) bit L Stacey (Aud), 4-0, 5-4, 6-4; S Siddel bit E Nortje (Nern), 6-3, 6-3, J Hicksredian (NC) bit S Bentley, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; K Radiord (Aud) bit R Manydaley (Aus), 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; D Jones (Aus) bit V Invine, 7-6, 8-3; C Pepadaid (G²) bit T Krizen (Slovenie), 7-6, 5-7, 7-6; T Price (SA) bit M Kiene (Neth), 6-2, 6-4; H Sukova (C2) bit A Grunfeld, 6-0, 7-5; L Geleres (II) bit M Lindetrom (Sove), 6-1, 8-0.

More players are looking the

part, but the girls are not so

good. There is a lot of work to

Many within the LTA

would like to see the national

training department take

over responsibility for all

coaching and a blueprint for

the future structure of coach-

ing is being considered by the

management committee of

and Miles Maciagan were

beaten in Paris yesterday.

Both Andrew Richardson

be done there."

the LTA.

Martyn, Palmer, Merson and Shearer - have only eight collectively. To succeed with a squad carrying such inexperience requires luck. The preference of Merson, unsure of his club place at Arsenal, to his colleague, Ian

right, is hard to explain. England's defensive record under Taylor is impressive: only one defeat and 14 goals conceded, with ten blank

Yet the scoring record gives cause for concern: 31 goals in 12 matches, with 13 from Lineker and five from Platt. If those two do not score in Sweden, who will? Apart from Lineker, Barnes who scores once every seven matches - and Platt, the other nine midfield and attacking players in the squad have managed I I goals in 95 appearances.

Taylor is going to need all the luck that is going and must hope the team falls quickly into shape tonight.

N BRIEF

Induráin opens up

Miguel Indurain dropped his main Italian rivals when the Giro d'Italia entered its first climbers' stage yesterday. The Spaniard stayed with a breakaway group that dropped the rest in the tenth stage from Latina to Terminillo in the Apennine foothills. He is now Imin 56sec ahead of Claudio Chiappucci and 5:56 in front of Franco Chioccioli, Giro winner last year.

The Dane, Kim Andersen, was withdrawn from the Giro by his Z team yesterday after a test for drugs taken at the Amstel Gold Race on April 25 proved positive. He did not request a second test and was fined SwFr3,000.

In excess

Squash rackets: Jansher Khan, from Pakistan, the world No. 1, and Ross Norman, New Zealand's former world champion, will be among players released by their league teams next season as legislation comes into effect to limit Pimm's Premier League squads to just one foreign-based signing.

Blind eye

Table termis: As a gesture of good will towards Yugoslavia's many contributions to the sport, the ruling ITTF. whose season does not resume until September, is deaying its response to the United Nations call for sporting sanctions.

More abandon

Motor rallying: Didier Auriol, of France, and his Lancia partner, Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, dominated the Acropolis Rally yesterday, the third and penultimate day, as tough driving conditions forced the Toyota Team Europe drivers, Armin Schwarz and Marku Alen, to join the 38 other cars that have abandoned.

Advance guard

Rugby union: A delegation from the governing IRFB arrived in Johannesburg for a four-day visit during which dates and seedings for the 1995 World Cup will be

Piquet quits Motor racing: Nelson Piquet.

the three-time world driving champion, severely injured last month in practice for the Indianapolis 500, is retiring from racing. His ankles and feet have been rebuilt and it will be five weeks before he can start walking.

Leeds boycott

Football: Leeds United, the League champions, will not play in next season's Zenith Data Systems Cup. Howard Wilkinson, the manager, sees the compension as an unwanted fixture burden.

PETUCHKI, Russie: Schoolboy International match: England bt Russia, 5-2: P Brady (Haverstock, London) if C Stolmov. pts. G Jones (Hazerindo, Crawloy) lost to V Zuylev, pts. L Daws (Garth HS. Surrey) bt V Petchulos, pts. A Kriby (Chrol's. Richmond) at C Mergonsov. ret 3rd; S Sargent (Hollyfield, Surrey) bt M Petukov. rsc 2rd, B Scott (Wevel). Cambotley) lost to V Prisasov. pts. D Curren (Cardinal Newman, Luton) bt V Osupov. pts

SCHOOLS MATCH: Butterline 160 (J. Wilson 6-59) Charterhouse 161-3. CYCLING

GIRO DITALIA: Tensh stage (Laina to Termanio, 204km) 1. L Henrera (Col.) Shr same stage; 2. F. Gapponi (M), 2sec behind: 3. A Hampaten (US); 4. M Giovannets (n); 5. M Indurén (Sp.), 6. R. Cons. (II), as assection overall: 1. Indurén, 43hr 11mm 7sec; 2. Conti. Space; 3. C. Chapponi (M), 156. 4. Henrera, 2.13. 5. Giovannets, 2.07. 9. Hampaten, 2.42. Aderica, 2.42. Aderica, 2.42. Aderica, 2.42. Aderica, 2.43. M Fartan Pulso, (Col.) Sec. Overall: 1. Leblanc, 15h. Shr S7min, 18ec; 2. J. Nevens (Bel), 2sec behind, 3. M Fartan Pulso, (Col.) Sec. Overall: 1. Leblanc, 3m 33min 18ec; 2. Nevens, 8ec behind, 3. Fartan Pulso, (206), Sec. Overall: 1. Leblanc, 3m 33min 18ec; 2. Nevens, 8ec behind, 3. Fartan Pulso, (206), Sec. Overall: 1. Leblanc, 4m 33min 18ec; 2. A 2udle (Sentz), fired 5min 33ec; 2. A 2udle (Sentz), fired 5min 35ec; 2. A 2udle (Sentz), fired 5min

FOR THE RECORD

HANG GLIDING

EUROPEAN CHAMPTONSHIPS (in Norway) Individual (after fourth task) 1, J Pendry (GB), 3,605pts; 2, M Ruhmer (Austra), 3,510, 3, J Krotseng (Nor), Teams: 1. Britain, 10,306; 2. Norwey. 10,052, 3, Switzerland, 9,873

> Didier Auriol: leader in Acropolis rally

FOOTBALL. UKRAINIAN LEAGUE CUP: First Chemomoreus 1, Messelle: Kharinsv D

THERE was a familiar

sound echoing around Beck-

enham yesterday at the Dir-

ect Line Insurance tennis

tournament: the noise of Brit-

ons tumbling out of the first

By the time the strawber-

ries were finished, 11 of the

home-grown contingent had

bitten the dust. At least

Jeremy Bates gave the specta-

tors some cause to cheer,

bearing Brent Larkham, of Australia, 6-3, 7-6.

In January, Bates made the

decision to let his doubles

ranking slide and focus on

singles, putting together a

string of wins on the challeng-er circuit and moving up to

ON THE day the last two

British boys bowed out of the

French Open junior singles. a

further expansion of the nat-

ional training department

was being announced by the

Lawn Tennis Association

(LTA). In future, all players

from the age of ten who are

considered to have national

or international potential will

come under control of the

national training depart-

The move is the latest in a

series of measures designed to

ment, not the LTA Trust.

GOLF SONY WORLD FLANGINGS: F Carpins (US), 18 45pts average, 2, N Faldo (CB), 15 88; 3, JM Chapters (Sp), 15 44, 4, 19 consum (GS), 13 47; 5 9 Langer (Gr, 12 12; 6, 5 Baltentons (Sp), 11 96, 7, 6 Norman (Aus), 11 55; 8 D Lane EUS), 10.72; 9, P Azznger (US), 10 73, 13, P Stowert (US), 10 10 HOCKEY

PITERNATIONAL MATCH: New Zan-isto C, Argentins 1 (in Auckland: sense (inshed level, 2-2) ICE HOCKEY STANLEY CUP: Final Prisburch Pen-guins 6. Choago Stannants 5 (Pilis-burgh win best-of-seven sexes 4-3) MOTOR RALLYING

LAGONISSI, Greece: Acropolis Raby: Leading positions (also 30 et 40 special stages) 1, D Aurel (Fr. Lanca Delta, Str 19mm 42sect, 2 Mantolagem (Fr.), Lanca Delta, 52133 3, M Bisson (R), Food Serra, 52228-4, C McRas (68), Sobiess Legacy, 52136: 5, P Delecace (Fr.) Food Serra, 53022, 6, J Pacasio (Arg.), Lanca Delta, 53249, 7, A Food, J. Lanca Delta, 540-47, 8, Y vigidinguants (Gr.), Toyota Calca, 555 88, 9, G De Menera

(Bel), Niessen Sonny, 5:57:42; 10, C Apostolos (Gr.), Lance Delta, 5:59:58 **RUGBY LEAGUE**

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SPEEDWAY PIRST DIVISION GOLD CUP: Post-WELETOCHED
SECOND DIVISION GOLD CUP: Eveter
71, Nidenhell 19

HAYLING ISLAND: RYA Hormos chall-enge: 1, N Rogers and M Lovett (Royal Lymngton), Spitz: 2, J McEwan and R Hoston Groyal Lymnopton), 87, 3, S Nuttial and R Sydenham (Parkstone).

Cyclists lose way An 84-mile stage of the West Virginia Mountain Classic in the United States was discounted from the competition after all but 11 of the 85

cyclists took a wrong turning.

FENCING

Paul hits Games target

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

the hard way, but he has earned the sole epée position in Britain's Olympic team announced yesterday. Most of the squad qualified at the world championships in Budapest, via a last-12 team result, but epice, with stronger competition, just missed.

Paul, aged 38, from London, qualified on the demanding World Cup cirmit. He secured his place in the London Martini event. finishing 28th among a

strong entry. Most encouraging is the performance of sabre. It is sending a full team — with an average age of 24 - in a weapon where experience

STEVEN Paul had to do it counts. Joining the three times national champion. Ian Williams, is James Williams, in is his first international outing, and Amin Zahir, aged 21, who has the potential to perform well.

Among the foilists, only Conrad Chin, from Edinburgh, is new to the squad. Bill Gosbee has the most impressive record, having competed in two Olympics and nine world championships.

SQUAD: Men's foli: W Gosbes (Salle Boston), J Davis (Salle Boston), A Bartiett (Selle Paul), D McKerczie (Mesclowbent), C Chin (Mesclowbent), Women's foli. F McIntosh (Salle Paul), J Bracewell (Salle Paul Craiglocithart), A Fenguson (Ashton), S Mawby (York & S Paul) Sabre: I Williams (LTFC), J Williams (Combined Services), K Xevien (Cambridge U), A Zahir (TrC and Honvari), G Fletcher (Ashton). Men's epèc: 3 Paul (Polytachnic)

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FOOTBALL, TENNIS 31

Wright welcomes England's changes

FROM STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN HELSINKI

A FORTNIGHT after being left out of the England team, Mark Wright has found himself the key figure in the new formation designed for the European football championship. Tonight, against Finland here in the Olympic Stadium, he is to play not as a spare defender, but more like

When the players left their secluded training camp yesterday and moved into a lakeside hotel on the outskirts of the capital. Wright was able to shed more light on the role he has been given. It differs significantly from the part he played in the World Cup

His duties then were to cover for Terry Butcher and Des Walker, to watch for opponents advancing unguarded from midfield, and to intercept through-balls. Whereas his brief from Bobby Robson in 1990 was exclusively defensive. Graham Taylor has urged him to prompt the attack whenever

Wright relishes the adven-turous prospect. "It is much more demanding," he said yesterday, "but I like to play football, and this gives me the licence to show what I can do, to go forward, and that excites me. If you stay at the back, you can't express Although he appreciates that," he added. "People as-that his principal strengths sumethat they can't, and they are destructive, challenging opponents on the ground and especially in the air, he has long been recognised as England's most constructive central defender. With Taylor's full permission, all his latent attacking ideas are

about to be unleashed. Walker, though he is not considered a playmaker, will also be allowed to burst forward. "He may not do so in a cool and calculated way," Taylor said, "but, with his speed, he could spring instinctively into the attack. I'm saying, go and show me what

leading Liverpool's trium-The problem is that defenders in England have nevphant FA Cup side through er been encouraged to do the city streets instead of as-

sembling with his interna-tional colleagues for the become frightened to try it.' journey to Hungary. In spite Taylor's ultimate plan is to of being available for the subdevelop a sweeper who is natsequent game against Brazil. urally inventive, such as he was dropped amid accusa-Beckenbauer, of West Gertions that he snubbed his many, Baresi, of Italy, or

He angrily denies the sug-Koeman, of the Netherlands. gestion, and insists that he was ordered by Graeme Wright cannot be expected to reach their standard, particularly as he concedes that Souness to join the victory parade, and had no choice the system is "still foreign to us". But he is convinced that, but to follow the instructions if England are to progress, of his employers. His commitment to England cannot be they must adopt the continental tactic, and he readily acdisputed, nor can there be any question about the high cepts the responsibility of leading the way into the spirits developed within the

Two weeks ago, he was Neil Webb remembers the preparations for the 1988 European championship being "brain numbing and

hours of idle inactivity. The last week in Lahti, he said. has passed by contrastingly quickly, and been filled with amusing recreational activities as well as earnest

training. The happy combination of work and play should produce a positive result tonight in the one and only dress rehearsal. Finland, though they were ahead for an hour in Brazil a couple of months ago. eventually lost 3-1, and were beaten 3-0 at home more recently by Bulgaria in a World Cup qualifying

Litrnanen, a precocious 21year-old midfield player who scored Finland's goal in the

intense". Morning practice 1-1 draw in Scotland, is regarded as the side's leading

> Yet England should greet their own new dawn by creating sufficient opportunities for Gary Lineker to equal, or perhaps pass. Bobby Charlton's record of 40 goals.

Their thoughts will then turn towards Denmark, their opening opponents, whose squad is to be announced tomorrow. Wright, for one, will be astonished if his Liverpool colleague. Jan Molby, is excluded. "That would be a bonus for us," he said. "He has unbelievable talent, and I would love to see anybody whose distribution is better than his."

David Miller, page 31

Top four seeds reach women's semi-finals

Capriati is swept aside as Seles hits her best form

IT TOOK Monica Seles just over an hour yesterday to answer the recent questions about her form. After struggling desperately to beat a player ranked 150th in the world in the previous round. the defending champion lost just four games in outplaying the fifth seed. Jennifer Capriati, in the quarter-final of the French Open tennis

championships.

On a day interrupted by heavy rain, the three other top seeds joined Seles to make this year's semi-finals in the women's singles: Steffi Graf v Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and Gabriela Sabatini v Seles — a carbon copy of 12 months

it will do Caprian's flagging morale no good to recall that she lost to Seles by exactly the same 6-2, 6-2 scoreline on her debut in Paris two years ago. She has beaten her twice in five meetings since, including a straight sets victory on hard courts in Key Biscayne earlier this year. But any chance of a repeat performance on the centre court at Roland Garros yesterday evaporated into the damp afternoon air as soon as the champion had realised that the conditions would reward

consistency more than power after they had waited nearly four hours to go on court.

Capriati was quicker off the mark. She won the first two games in each set, then lost the next six and, by the end, was a disconsolate figure, unable to slow Seles down or stop the match from slipping rapidly from her grasp.
"It all happened so fast."

Capriati said. "It was not like other matches we have had. She wasn't hitting as hard as she usually does, but she didn't have to do much. Whenever I attacked I missed. It was over just like

Nasty thoughts must have accompanied Natalia Zvereva onto court one for her third grand slam quarter-final. Not only has she failed to beat Graf in eight matches, she had suffered the ultimate embarrassment of a whitewash four years ago in the final of the French Open.

"I choked big time that day," Zvereva said. "I just put too much pressure on myself." Zvereva, though, is a genuine eccentric, which is one reason why her undoubted talent has yet to be fulfilled. She will rarely choose the easy shot when a difficult

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verse pleasure in playing her best when up against it.

Down by a set, with Graf serving for the match, Zvereva took advantage of a rare double-fault to level at 5-5 and produced two backhands, one down the line, one cross-court, to win the tiebreak 7-4, only the second set she had ever won off the German.

> Typically, that fact seemed to satisfy Zvereva momentariy and by the time she had found her concentration again, Graf had taken a 4-0 lead, which proved decisive.

Sabatini, the third seed, was a set and 3-0 down to Conchita Martinez of Spain before she decided to change her tactics and become more aggressive. Rooted to the baseline for the first hour, she began to come to the net more and once she had broken back to 3-3 in the second set, the Spaniard sensed that the balance of power had changed. The Argentinian. who had dropped just nine games in reaching the quar-

ter-final, won 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, Sanchez Vicario, the more favoured of the Spaniards, avoided all troubles, outmanocurring and outhitting the hefty Dutch giri, Manon Bollegraf, in straight sets to set up another semi-final with Graf. Graf will not went to remember the last one, which she lost 6-0 6-2.

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FIESULTS: Women: Singles: Quarter-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt N Zvereva (CS), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; G. Sabatini (Ang) bt C. Mentinta: (Sp), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; M. Seles (Yug) bt J. Capristi (US), 6-2, 6-2; A. Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M. Bollegraf (Neth), 6-2, 6-3. Doubles: Third round: L. McNet (US) and N. Provis (Aus) bt I Driehluts (Neth) and N. Vain Lottum (Fr), 7-6, 6-2; J. Nevotras (Cz) and L. Savchenko-Netland (Latvis) bt I. Harvey-Waid (US) and F. Shubba (Aus), 6-4, 7-6; M. Fierce (Fr) and P. Tarebini (Ang) bt S. Collins (US) and E. Reinsch (SA), 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 Men: Doubles: Custra-finals: M. Kratomann and W. Massur (Aus) bt J. Grabb and R.

Photograph, page 31 Britons tumble, page 31



Key to No. 10: Piggott and Rodrigo De Triano take an eve-of-Derby spin at Epsom yesterday

Rain worry for Piggott camp

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

LESTER Piggott's hopes this afternoon of winning the most open Derby for years and recording his tenth victory in the world's premier classic are under threat from

the weather. The 56-year-old grandfather gave Rodrigo De Triano a seven-furlong spin at Epsom yesterday morning and warned that the ground "would not need to be much softer to stop him running."

position.

Although the going was then officially good to soft. Piggott described it as soft as a result of an inch of rain falling since Friday on the already well-watered track.

Last night the official going Corals to offer Rodrigo De was changed to good (good to soft last four furlongs) but with heavy showers forecast, the doubts remain as to "We never fancied Rodrigo whether the dual 2,000 Guin-

Piggott added. Peter Chapple-Hyam, trainer of the Robert Sangster-owned colt, was only slightly more encouraging. "There is a doubt about him getting the mile and a half. I'm not definitely saying he will get it. If everything goes right he could just last

eas winner has sufficient

stamina. "We can only hope,"

The reservations prompted

Triano at a price a point higher than those advertised by any of their rivals between 10 and 11 am this morning.

De Triano to stay or win. We are out to fill our satchels and we are putting our necks on the line." Wally Pyrah. of Corals, said. Defeat for Piggott's mount will save the bookmakers an estimated £20 million payout.

The wide-open nature of

the 213th Derby is reflected in the betting with Ladbrokes quoting six joint favourites at 8-1, including Rodrigo De

They bet: 8-1 Alnasr Alwasheek, Assessor, Dr Devious, Muhtarram, Rainbow Corner, Rodrigo De Triano, 9-1 Great Palm, 12-1 Twist

and Turn, 14-1 bar. Graham Sharpe, of Hills, said: "There is going to be a wide span of betting but Rodrigo sticks out like a sore thumb. A win for Lester would be a disaster for us but we would not be worried by any other horse winning."

Before the 19 runners line up for the £600,000 race, the Queen will open the new E9 million grandstand.

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Wasim sets sights on Edgbaston

WASIM Akram, the Pakistan all-rounder, had his first workout yesterday since his stress fracture of the shin was diagnosed a fortnight ago and is hopeful of being fit for the first Test match, starting

at Edgbaston tomorrow. Wasim bowled gingerly in the nets at Lord's but was satisfied with the outcome. There was no pain or pressure and it felt good to be out

of plaster," he said. Intikhab Alam, the Pakistan team manager, said: "We are prepared to leave any decision right up to an hour before the start of play."

Derek Pringle has had

treatment at Chelmsford for a knee injury received in a collision with an advertising board at Worcester and expects to be fit for selection. Graham Gooch, the England captain, will go into the match knowing that he could be fined by the Test and County Cricket Board for criticisms he made of David Gower in extracts from his

book Captaincy that were

published in a national news-

paper three weeks ago.

By PETER BALL TRENT BRIDGE (first day of said. If he can roli back the three; Middesex won toss): years in harness with his old Middlesex have scored 401 spinning, and sparring, partner, the opening stand could for two wickets against Nottinghamshire prove a decisive one. In spite of that one delivery,

THE return of Phil Edmonds and another which also bit. for his first county match in Afford could do little to interrupt the progress. Greeted with disdain by Haynes, who hit him for 16 in his first over. five years dominated conversation at Trent Bridge yesterday morning. It may do so again before the match is out, the slow left-arm bowler but centre stage yesterday was held by Middlesex's batsfailed to get his line right. He was not the only one. men. Michael Roseberry hit-With Cooper and Hemmings injured, and Lewis on Test ting 148, a career best, and Desmond Haynes 114 in an duty. Nottinghamshire's atopening stand of 266 to put tack had a threadbare look. their team in a formidable only Cairns demanding con-

sistent respect. The score suggests bats-With Roseberry in his men flourishing on a flat four-day pitch. The truth may present flush of form, that was decisive. His departure less straightforward. The from his native Durham for pitch had been used for the Middlesex was one of the Sunday League match with Gloucestershire and alcatalysts in Durham's decision to apply for first-class though it offered little to the status. You can see why. Once pace bowlers, the sight of one delivery from Afford turning described, unkindly, as a "block-bash" merchant, there square before lunch must was a lot of the former have made Edmonds's finyesterday as he hit 15 fours and two sixes, but most of

gers tingle with excitement. unimpeachable orthodoxy, His presence could prove a master-stroke. "In the antici-A testimony to his driving nation that the ball might was Robinson's decision to turn a little. Gatt said why place two shortish mid-ons

Roseberry lays the foundations don't you come along and see what happens." Edmonds an attempt to inhibit, or induce an uppish stroke, it failed to interrupt the flow of drives hitting the hoardings at the Raddiffe Road end.

He set a rapid pace from the start, moving to his 50 off 65 balls as he went down the wicket to drive his seventh four. His maiden championship, and fourth first-class, century of the season came off

Until then, his shots had all been firmly struck along the ground. Now he took flight, hitting Field-Buss for two sixes over mid-wicket, the second taking him equal to his career-best 135, made against Essex in 1990, also in partnership with Haynes.

Apart from his salvo against Afford, the West Indian was happy to let his partner take the lead, his reassuring presence guaranteeing that winning the toss would not be wasted. He had hit 12 fours and one six when he appeared to drag Pick on

to his stumps. Six overs later, Roseberry also succumbed driving, a loosener from Cairns at the beginning of his third spell finding its way past a tired stroke. There can be few more

depressing sights for a field-ing side than the new slimline Gatting coming in at 281 for two and Nottinghamshire's fears were fulfilled.

They did not achieve a bowling point as Gatting hammered the message home. For a time Gatting struggled with his timing and Carr provided solid, if unspectacular, support with his square stance, picking the bat up not so much towards gully as cover, But as Gatting reached his 50 off 96 balls, he began to strike the ball sweetly and, ominously, he will begin today with time for a big century.

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Henry hits back in style

BY PETER BRYAN

CONOR Henry, the Irish tyclist who fell off the starting ramp in the prologue time-trial at Penzance, had the last laugh on those who found it amusing when he took over the Milk Race lead at Darlington yesterday at the end of the 120-mile stage from Blackpool.

Henry, aged 21, from Belfast, has been based in Paris for the last three years with good results in the French classics. However, he has not been selected for the Olympic Games in Barcelona.

At the start of the longest stage of the race yesterday, Henry was thirteenth overall 4min 32see behind Willy Willems, of the Belgian Collstrop professional team. Last night Willems. who missed the decisive split in the field at 50 miles, was lying second, 12 seconds back."

Henry was also missing ini-tially from the break started by his team colleague. Ian Chivers, who was on his own for two miles before being caught by five chasers. It was more than a mile later before Henry, with another four riders, made contact.

Once there, he and Chivers, helped by the former British amateur champion, Neil Hoban, kept the pace high. Henry was the best placed overall of the escapees and, with his "helpers", the lead shot up as they approached the main climb of the day.

The dangerous descent taken at 65mph, claimed Hans de Clercq but the Belgian soon rejoined the race.

A demonstration at Hawes by workers at the Wensleydale cheese plant did not affect riders and, with the lead well above five minutes at 20 miles to go. Henry was race leader on the road. The chasers reduced the gap slightly and Henry was content to let the others contest the final sprint and finish eighth.

"When the break got established I thought that I might stage but I never dreamt that I would become race leader.

Hoban's contribution to the pace paid off. Fourteenth at the start, he leapt to third overall, 36 seconds behind

REBULTS: Eighth stage (Bleckpool-Derlangton, 1188 miles), 1, G. Smctl (CSS), 4hr Simm 38eec, 2, D. In'l Van (Bel, Collstrop-Histor), 3, H de Clerco, (Bel), 4, N. Hoban (CB. Banane-MET), 5, B. Ravber (Slovorne); 6, J Pettersen (Not), 7, Novikov (CS), 6, C. Henry (Ino), all same time, 9, P. Letch (NZ), at Zmr, SSeec, 10, A. Nedotrenko (CS), et 442 Teem; 1, CS, 14hr 38min 18eec; 2, Colstop-Hestor, at 4mn 53eec; 3, Beresna-MET, et 4,86 Overall: 1, Henry, 30hr 18mn 55eec; 2, W. Wilsens (Bel, Colstrop-Histor), at 25eec, 3, Hoban, at 36eec; 4, C. Andorsen (Den), at 41, 5, Y Souniov (CIS), et 45, 6, B. Smith (GB), at Inthi 18eec, 10, K. Hungers (Bel, Collstrop-Histor), at 54, 8, P. Verbetcen (Bel, Collstrop-Histor), at 54, 8, P. Verbetcen (Bel, Collstrop-Histor), at 74, 8, Notoberto, (CB), at Inthi 18eec, 10, K. Hungers (Bel, Collstrop-Histor), at 74, 18m, 55eec, 2, Demmark, at 4mm 47eec, 3, CS, at 1228 (Ang of the Mountains: 1, Nacioberto, 65pts, 2, S. Heger (Cz), 61, 3, Y Souriov (CS), 52, Pohris Classification: 1, Williess, Spits, 2, In Ven, 66, 3, L. McChaeleart (Del), 15; 2, Michaelsen, 14; 3, Hoban, 8 TODAY; Nisht stage (Durham to Sandir-land, 83 miles) Start, 11 DC, Lanchaeter, 1156, Stanhope, 12-90, Castleade, 13 lk; Lanchester, 13,34, Snish, 14, 25 TOMORROW Tarth stage (Neuveasib) upon Tyne, to Scarborough, 106 milest

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Land of the watering mouth

Only in France would a waiter decant your

champagne into a chilled crystal jug.

Frances Bissell

-recalls countless gastronomic joys

ome years ago, my hus-band and I stepped out of the Hoverport in Boulogne and got into a taxi, "Vous venez manger?" asked the taxi driver, after we had exchanged pleasantries about the glorious weather. His tone took on a new shade of respect when I explained that we had booked a table at La Liegoise. Rue Monsigny, the res-taurant run by the chef-patron Alain Delpierre, which many consider the best in Boulogne. It is bard to imagine a Dover taxi driver

asking about your eating plans.
In the spring we went by train to
Joigny in northern Burgundy and
took a taxi to A la Cote St Jacques on Faubourg Paris. "Do you know Monsieur Lorain?" we were asked. Yes, we did but had never been to his establishment. "Well, madame, monsieur, I can tell you that you are going to experience one of the great glories of French cooking." In France everyone expects to eat out, and everyone eats in the same places and expects to eat the same

One lunchtime at Arpege on Rue Bourgogne in Paris, before it became archicélèbre and always archiplein, we looked around at our fellow lunchers. The actress Fanny Ardant and her agent sat at one table. At another, a very young couple were enjoying their food; he could have been, and judging from the warmth of the greeting he got from the chef-patron Alain Passard, probably was, an off-duty chef. There were business men, hunching ladies, and we two. All had chosen the exquisite menu du marché (then FF150, now about-FF250) which M Passard prepares only at kunchtime. The amusegueule was a raw egg yolk whisked um with créme fraiche, chives, sab and mignonette pepper spooned back into clean egg shells. Roast saddle of rabbit was the main course, moist and pale, served with a slice or two of its liver, kidney and brains. The sauce was simply a thin, dear thyme-infused gravy and this also dressed the salad of chervil and chives. The feuilletage au chocolat was serious chocolate, as even the puff pastry was melt-in-

the mouth chocolate flakes. Service is part of the pleasure of eating out in France, from the friendly but reserved, elegant young patronne, who is proud of her hisband's cooking and is pleased to tell you about it, to the impeccable, imposing, yet underneath really quite genial, maître d'hotel and his brigade in the "grand palace" restaurants. In the mid 1970s four of us ate at Le Grand Vefour, on Rue Beaujolais. when it still had three Michelin stars and Raymond Oliver was in the kitchen. It was our second visit, and we were prepared for the intimidatory tactics of the sommelier this time. We would not be brow-beaten into choosing a different wine with each course, and we ordered house champagne throughout the meal. The somme-



Riches in abundance: the days of pretty food in small, artful arrangements on large plates are long gone in France. Flavour is all, and sought not in luxury ingredients but in cheaper fish and meat

lier went one better. He decanted the chilled champagne into a cold crystal jug. It still remains in my mind as one of the most stylish things I have seen done in a

I realised early on that the French are not fussy about food and wine matches. Twenty years ago in an ordinary bourgeois restaurant in Paris, we kicked each other under the table when we saw the waiter bring a bottle of claret to table where a sophisticatedcouple had fust ordered cod. for their main course. What ignorance, we thought, red wine with fish! And then we thought again. why not? That experience has had a profound influence on what we serve to drink with what food.

few weeks ago, we went to one of our favourite bistro-wine bars in Paris. It was too late for lunch, but we wanted not to be ravenous when we sat down to dinner that evening at Les Ambassadeurs in the Crillon Hotel. Le Bistro à Vin, on Rue des Saussaies, is a treasure, serving honest food and wine at modest prices. The bonus is Robert Savoye, the patron. A single plat du jour is served and that day it was saucisse en croute avec lentilles et sa verre de Brouilly for FF59. Wines are served by the glass or bottle, and the only other accompaniment is sandwiches; two slices of pain Poilane and a filling of Brie, Cantal, Fourme d'Ambert, Roquefort, jambon cru d'Ardenne, rillettes d'oie or saucisson sec, more than a snack for less than FF35. I chose Roquefort and a glass of Coles de Beaune. M Savoye looked slightly

pained. No, with that, he said, I

wanted something quite different,

and he gave me a voluptuous Montiouis Moelleux. He was quite

In Joigny the chef-patron Michel Lorain and his son, Jean-Michel, knew exactly what to give us to eat, having first made sure that there was nothing "contre-indiqué". Thus, we were served a sequence of their unique and intensely flavoured dishes, a signature terrine of oysters from Arcachon, shallots and spinach, but also a rustic bourguignon dish of eggs poached in a red ised cubes of calves' liver and small The days of pretty food in small,

artful arrangements on extremely large places are long gone in France. Flavour is all, and it is sought not so much in the hunny ingredients but in the cheaper cuts of meat that require careful preparation and slow cooking and the less expensive fish such as skate that has the requisite lip-sticking quality. At the Crillon, Christian Constant, the executive chef, serves boned pigs trotter and mashed potatoes mixed with chopped truffie on the business lunch menu. Dinner started with quenelles of smoked mackerel with shards of smoked salmon as amuse-bouche. One of the main courses was jamet de porcelet et oreille de cochon. croustillante au bouillon de truffes. The pig's knuckle was tender, the ear crisply roasted. The waiter cut up the ear and carefully removed the meat from the knuckle at the table side. This plate of pig's extremities was one of the tastiest ever encountered.

The other main course was tourte renversée de miroton de joue et queue de boeuf en croute dorée, beef cheek and tail served under a



cover of thin, crisp, brown potato slices, looking rather like a tarte tatin. This is a very elegant restaurant - marble walls and floor, chandeliers, gilt-framed mirrors, flickering candlelight — and I am impressed that it serves brown, unpretty food in a heap with a pêle-

mêle of vegetables. Across town in the Place des Vosges, Bernard Pacaus the chefpatron at L'Ambroisie is serving aile de raie rotie, belles de Fontenay mélèes à la ciboulette, estouffade de cuisse de coq bressan à l'ancienne and foie de veau fermier en persillade, pommes lyonnaises. What could be simpler than skate with mashed potatoes, coq au vin or grilled calves' liver? A "modest" lunch, such as this, with perhaps a slice of chocolate tart to finish, a couple of glasses of champagne and a half bottle of claret will cost FF1,600 for two. But it was perfection. I doubt whether anyone's grand-mère ever produced cuisine like this.

Inexpensive eating out is quite possible in France. Just as we have our Chinese and Indian restaurants in every town and suburb,

France has its restaurants recounting its colonial past. Vietnamese and Algerian restaurants can provide good authentic food, but you'll get what you pay for. Neighbour-hood bistros are always a good bet because they have a regular clientèle who are quite prepared to complain if standards slip. Railway stations are not, per-

haps, where one would choose to

eat but one could do worse. Travelling from the Gare de Lyon it is certainly worth planning your llich io shom mus fol trucu s Le Train Bleu, with its original Belle Epoque decor, lunchtime buzz and bustle and marvellously speedy, professional service. The Côtes de Forez house wine is not wonderful, but is bottled specially for the restaurant and the simpler dishes are recommended, particularly the grills and the plateau de fruits de mer. The station restaurant in Tours does a very creditable fish soup, but I would venture out of the station to the Grand Hotel de Bordeaux where we have had exceptional wines served in a rather ordinary restaurant where we learned over the years to choose the simplest dishes on the menu.

My favourite places to eat out are those of the chef-patron with spouse running the front of the house. Occasionally now the traditional pattern is reversed, and it is the wife who is in the kitchen, the husband acting as maître d'hotel and sommelier. Many of the young restaurateurs in France belong to illustrious kitchen dynasties, the Troisgros, the Haeberlins, the Lorains, but many of them set up on their own with no family tradition behind them, like the Majourels at Le Ranquet near Ales, the Prousts at Le Grand Hôtel Moderne in

Chatellerault, the Delpierres in Boulogne, the Angelles at La Pirée in Rennes. These places have a special warmth to them which comes from a family or a couple feeling that something is so impor-tant to them that they want to spend 18 hours a day, six or seven days a week making it work.

Sometimes we use the guides to find these places, but on the whole we use the guides, particularly the red one, to tell us where not to eat during the summer months (and in Paris ali year round) ii we do not want to end up sitting elbow to elbow with two ladies from the midwest of America, oblivious of everyone else, recounting a lifetime's gynaecological experiences.

If you thought the food scenes in Bunuel's film The Discreet Charm f the Bourgeoisie were too farfetched, here is a true story that the chef Gaston Lenôtre told me about his famous restaurant. Le Pré Catalan Bois de Boulogne, where

his wife looks after things. He was just finishing the service at his other restaurant and phoned her to say he would pick her up, but she said: I think you had better come now. we have a spot of bother." This turned out to be three armed robbers who were busily divesting all the guests of money, jewellery and watches, as well as shooting one nervous waiter in the arm after he dropped a stack of plates. By the time M Lenôtre arrived, the robbers had gone and the police were diner stayed to finish their meal. The only two who left were Anglo-Saxon, proving that the French are

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indeed different from us.

A fandango of images: Jan Morris goes motoring in France

Writing a column out of a meeting

Y ears ago, I was privileged to meet one of the men who first applied the word 'vector" to a type of bank account. I met him at an historic moment, actually, because he had just emerged from the selfsame shirtsleeve-and-braces design consultancy think-tank meeting at which the full kennel-name of Vector ("Indigo Vector") had been finally settled upon. He looked tired but happy - like a miner, perhaps, at the end of a 12-hour shift, or a brain surgeon who had just achieved a complicated trans-

Of course, the proceedings of this meeting were not disclosed, but from his exhausted but triumphant state I somehow deduced it had resembled the jury room in Sidney Lumet's Twelve Angry Men - you know, sweaty, tense, touch-and-go, life-in-the-balance. Perhaps opposition to "Indigo Vector" had been fierce: the "Blue Streak" lobby was unshiftable. I imagined my chap taking the righteous white-suited Henry Fonda role, quietly fighting his colleagues every inch of the way, and remaining cool while his enemies dabbed their brows with

Had I never met him at all, however. I would have imagined something quite different. I would have assumed that the naming of a new bank account must be a work of inspiration, and that, as such, it must come from a humble individual sitting alone in a padded cell rather in the manner of the contract Hollywood writer under the old studio system. We could call him Mankowitz. "Get Mankowitz on to this!" the board would command. And a secretary would place a sheet of paper in Mankowitz's in-tray. describing the new bank account and expecting a result by noon.

Mankowitz would come in at ten. take off his hat, shuffle the papers without removing the long cigar-ene between his fingers, and then start to type short one-liners, stopping occasionally only to pinch the bridge of his nose under his wirerimmed specs.

Indigo Vector. The bank that likes to say yes. I want to be a tomato. For the little things in life. They're tasty, tasty, very very tasty. they're very tasty. Once bitten, forever smitten. We won't make a drama out of a

And then at half post ten, he would stop for coffee. Perhaps I harbour too strong an attachment to romantic notions of SINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss on

imagination and unsolitary genius



little respect for the massed talents of the advertising industry. But somehow I prefer the Mankowstz option. The idea of a gaggle of blokes in expensive whistles sitting together and running the pality word Vector up a flag-pole fills me with a strange and yawning sad-

I remembered all this because I have recently discovered the surreal world of paint colour names (Comet, Murmur, Quiescence, Evensong. Early December) and I simply cannot bear to believe that these were chosen by a committee in a designer boardroom. There is too much poetry involved, too

much imaginative intimacy. "Right, then," I said, at the paint counter. "I'll have a litre of Hazy Downs please, with Tinker for the skirting." and I caught my breath at hearing the words. It was as though the spirit of a mad poet had breezed through. Walls of hazy downs, and Tinker for the skirting. Wow.

Just look at a strip of green Dulux shades - "Spring dance, April coppice. Verge, Racecourse, Meadow land. Treetop" - and you can see this poet, can't you, his eyes closed, straining to hear birdsong in the rustling trees outside his cell window. "More greens," he smiles to himself (momentarily forgetting the shackles that bind him to the damp stone walls). And he falls into a trance. "Curly kale," he intones. relishing the shapes it makes in his mouth. Shady fern, Mystic moon. Fresh breeze. Elderwater, Trickle." "What was the last one?" snaps

this down. "Trickle," he repeats. "On well. It's your funeral." What I am building up to is a confession. I keep meeting people

the man from Dulux who is taking

who think I write this column in a darkened room in a small flat, with just cats for company, and that ! write it all myself out of my very own brain! Whereas of course this is a mere illusion, and in fact the writing of this column is a wellorganised team affair involving a large number of hacks in consultancy roles, a weekly meeting (with minutes), and an all-day creative thrash-out in which each person writes a paragraph and then the whole thing is put together by a complicated voting procedure. I mean, "Single Life"? You must be joking. There are loads of us here. Loads. You should see the amount of washing-up.

I am sorry to ruin the illusion, but we all have to learn some time that there is no Mankowitz in the advertising industry; there is no mad poet dreaming of Dulux colours; it's all done by meetings. Now, a few more greens and thank goodness we can stop for hunch. Anybody got a word that goes with Kale? Anybody?" "Er ... 'yard', sir,""Mmm, so you think we should call it 'Yard kale'. Robbins? Sounds all right to me." "No. str. 1 meant - er. kaleyard." "Oh." "There's something called curly kale in the dictionary. sir." "Splen-

did. All right, hands up for Curly

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issues in a play, some have hated, others have cheered. Albery Theatre, St Martir's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, Spm, mat Thurs, Sat, Spm. 150mms.

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THE MAMMO ROWGE (15): Smerth

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THE HAND THAT BOOKS THE CRADLE (15): Psychotic nanny (Rebecca De Morray) wreaks revenge on a squeakly-clean family. Formula thriller with robust acting. Annabella Scierra; with rouse acong, Aristoele Sciora; director, Curtis Harson, Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelsee (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-356 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kersington (0426 914666) UC Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

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Petek conducts.
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TURNER AND BYRON: Quite possibly Turner and Byron, though contemporaries, never met. But as an artist Turner was intimately connected with Byron's writings, from the returnent when the publication of the first carto of Childe Handl's Pilgranage in 1812 first fired his anagination. His workerner the became its most interes in the 1830s, after Byron's death, when a whole series of neutrons born.

the 1830s, after Byron's death, when a whole series of paintings bore quotations from Byron or took Byronic scenes. The new stow also fills it the background of Turner's illustrations to the works of Byron, with materials borrowed from marty Sources as well as from the Tate's own holdings. Tata Gallery, Milbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5-50pm, Sun, 2pm-5-50pm, opens, today to September 13.

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☐ MOBY DICK: A girls' school puts on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Capitain Alum Inserted minifol. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mass Tues.

D PYGMALION: Alan Howard, Francis Better in a Howard Covice production that some admire greatly white others leel subordinates the text to a dever design. Nacional (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm. 195mins. I REFLECTED GLORY: Albert Finney very furity as the wordin of a play by his brother. The spian affectations amusingly modiced in Ronald Harwood's civilised cornedy.

civilised comedy. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, Spm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Set, Spm. THE MALES OF THE GAME: Richard

Griffiths and Nicola Pagett in Phandelo's sertionic study of marital revenge; not as sulphurous as it could be but still a Almeide, Almeide Street, N1 (071-358)

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DANCE

New look, same old young lovers

THE Royal Ballet has a habit of giving itself new productions of the classics every few years. So it seems surprising that Romeo and Juliet, arriving for the first time in Birmingham Royal Ballet's reperioire, is given in the same staging that has done service at Covent

Garden for 27 years. Even if the popularity of Kenneth MacMillan's version made it the safe and obvious choice (and one which regional audiences might want to see). is it not odd that the mature choreographer has no second thoughts on characters he first put on stage early in his producing career? Yet apart from adjusting and brushing up some details, only the new designs by Paul Andrews give the ballet a different

Andrews, straight out of college, sensibly - but not always successfully - tries to sidestep comparisons with Georgiadis's Covent Garden designs by moving the action (as he explained in these pages last week) hack to the early Renaissance. His scholarship is admirable; his theatrical sense less

developed. The one scene where he improves on the original is Juliet's bedroom, less monumentally vast. His costumes do not always help much to distinguish the characters - especially at first, where it matters most - and his front cloth of a castle and a walled city on adjacent mountains arouses false

What would we say of MacMillan's

IN BOTH these plays, the hero is an outsider. In The Man Outside, he is a German corporal shattered by his survival on the Russian front in Parcelain, a Chinese boy found weeping beside his murdered lover in a public layatory at Bethnal Green.

Chay Yew's play, Porockain, is a most remarkable achievement strong-ly constructed, sensitively directed, and terrogation. They acted with alert precision by its five actors, whose contribution to the production the programme acknowledges. They sit facing the audience on a row of chairs for almost the full 90 minutes, speaking directly at us, even when engaged in a question and answer dialogue between themselves. The rear wall and floor gleam with the whiteness of a urinal; four of the actors play white Londoners and wear identical black suits, framing the fifth (Daniel York), the Chinese boy, wearing white. Around his feet lie hundreds of the origami cranes he compulsively

Romeo and Juliet

Hippodrome, Birmingham

choreography if seeing it for the first time? Admiration, especially for the love duet at the end of Act I (the socalled balcony scene which actually takes place in the garden), for Romeo's rumbustious solos, for Juliet's tremulous duets, and for the deaths

There would be assonishment, however, at the prominence given to three whores, and equal astonishment at how little Juliet is given in the second act: surely the latter is something MacMillan could have rectified this time? Maybe he could have found something less banal for the corps de ballet to do, too. Alexei Fadevechev's injured knee

meant that the first night Juliet. Nina Ananiashvili, had an unexpected partner. It could be that a fellow guest from the Bolshoi would have provided a stronger foil for her quiet, reticent playing. She is a gentle Juliet, sparky enough with her nerves, very nervous of Paris, growing visibly in the famous scene sitting on her bed, amazingly quick and decisive in following Romeo into death at the end.

But Kevin O'Hare's acting as Romeo, although almost painfully sincere, proved too pallid to show her off. In his dancing. O'Hare was probably wise to concentrate on impetus and attack, which made a strong total



Romeo and Juliet. Act III: Nina Ananiashvili and Kevin O'Hare

effect, although at the expense of good footwork.

The company's newness to the ballet brought benefits and disadvatntages. The orchestra played Prokofiev's score with engaging freshness under Barry Wordsworth: harsh when needed, but never raucous. On stage however the performances, even from those dancers

best suited to their roles, inevitably lacked depth so far. They should develop: meanwhile Desmond Kelly's Lord Capulet is especially interesting in the way his anger gnws gradually instead of bursting out, and is always tempered by fatherly affection.

JOHN PERCIVAL

THEATRE

Inside the outsiders

The Man Outside/

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A bitter tale of alienation emerges as the four white

Londoners alternate between the role of chorus, neutral, condemning or comprehending, and the characters of prison psychiatrist, the boy's father, a television fact-finder and the dead lover. The boy gradually allows himself to voice the sense of isolation of a gay Chinese, feeling himself to belong nowhere, longing for friendship and finding a semblance of it in anony-

mous sexual encounters. A sordid crime passionel becomes a drama of racial grief, generating the urgency of a thriller and the power of an

archetype. The two directors, Glen Goei and Stephen Knight, judge the pace and unsentimental tone to perfection, breaking the tension when an actor suddenly grins, intensifying it by flooding the stage in crimson light. The performances by York, David Tysali, Adam Matalon, Julien Ball and Michael Parkinson are

The Man Outside was the only play

written by Wolfgang Borchert, who died at the age of 26, the day before its 1947 Hamburg premiere. The theme of a soldier's homecoming inspired Expressionist writers in the 1920s and Borchert employs the same curt style, though the mood is less enraged than despairing. Corporal Beckmann returns to Hamburg ravaged by guilt for the deaths of men in his platoon, and as he limps through the city towards the Elbe, he is haunted by one particular corpse.

Andy Lavender's direction works well: David Battcock finds a thin, mockingly reasonable voice for Beckmann's alter-ego, but his role in the drama is unclear.

As a clue to the mood of Germany immediately after the war, the play has its interest, but this production is weakened at the centre by an unexciting performance from Will Barton.

JEREMY KINGSTON

OPERA

Talent on parade

THE 13 singers in the National Opera Studio's annual showcase performance on Saturday had to work pretty hard not to be upstaged by Tim Albery's abstract and extremely witty production of extracts from eight operas ranging from Maria Padilla (Donizetti) to Albert Herring.

Within an elegant, surrealist setting that nodded cheerfully to the Magritte exhibition next door, the four scenes in each half followed each other seamlessly to entrancing effect. Only Max's rifle shot, launching Freischütz Act II and causing Donizetti's Anne Boleyn to fail to the floor in a dead faint, could be considered going Slightly Too Far, and Agathe and Aennchen in dirndis with blonde plaits teetered on the edge of sending Weber up - the grossest possible crime in my book (I will give Albery the benefit of the doubt this

But it is good for students to get to grips with contemporary production style, though on this showing "students" is not quite the mot juste: there were several finished artists here, as their order-books in the programme biographies confirmed. Mary Plazas's bright, mettlesome soprano has already been heard (just) as the Voice from Heaven in Don Carlos at the Coliseum, where she was unfortunately positioned almost as far away as the real thing; here, at close quarters, her singing as Maria Padilla was quite

National Opera Studio QEH

thrilling in its discipline and impact. Kay Jordan (Anne Boleyn) was just as impressive; more generous vibrato, though, might counter hints of sour ming at the top. The baritone Kar Morgan Daymond has "star quality" written all over him, and he tore jealous passion to tatters as Bizet's Zurga, in excellent French. In the latter respect he was matched by Mark Le Brocq as Massener's Des Grienx, every syllable perfectly placed, but sadly not by Rosemarie Arthurs: "Voyons, Manon" is as much about words as it is about notes, and appealing soprano tone cannot make up for indistinct declamation. The same went for Plazas's Leīla.

Also notable were Anita Morrison's liquid soprano and impeccable sense of line as Agathe, Ann Taylor-Morley's vibrant mezzo as the Padilla sister, Julie Unwin's attractively creamy Rosina, and the lyric tenor of Mark Luther as Donizetti's Percy.

All will be heard more of, and all benefited from the wise and considerare accompaniments of David Party and the Bournemouth Sinfonietta: a wealth of talent, then, hearteningly well displayed.

RODNEY MILNES

ROCK

P J the pacesetter

TO HIGHLIGHT the conservative working practices of most modern bands takes an act such as P J Harvey the first significant rock trio to be led by a guitar-playing woman.

The product of a sheltered upbringing in the Dorset village of Corscombe. 21-year-old Polly J Harvey has evolved a uniquely attractive style of singing and songwriting while simultaneous upholding a touching faith in first principles. Her eponymous band took the stage for about an hour, armed with just three instruments (guitar, bass, drums), two voices (Harvey's and the eccentric falsetto of drummer Robert Ellist, and a bunch of songs that married inexorable build-ups of tension to controlled washes of release. With a production that was austere (to put it mildly), the show inspired rapt attention and abandoned pogoing in roughly equal measure.

In among the group's intense, leftfield amalgam of post-punk blues, folk and rock, could be heard dim echoes of Killing Joke's guitar sound, and Siouxsie's (of the Banshees) scansion and choices of intervals. Thanks to several bursts of strafing guitar noise from Harvey, and Ellis's explosive drum tattoos, notably on "O Stella", there were also intriguing hints of what The Screaming Blue Messiahs might have achieved if they could have been bothered with formal structures and melodies. With her black hair fiercely scraped

P J Harvey Town & Country

back and her sleek, black-clad physique hung with an enormous red Gretsch guitar. Harvey looked a pieture of shy hauteur as she directed attairs with scarcely a murmur to the crowd. Employing an underdeveloped playing and singing technique with imagination, discipline and guile she stamped a mark of calm authority on the bluesy "Dry", the frantic "Joe" and the fractured, jazzy rhythm of "Hair". Less successful was a deconstruction of Bob Dylan's "Highway of Revisited". which reduced the song to sharp. angular blocks and ruinously impaired the flow of the lyric. Most of the arrangements, however,

were brief and to the point, their endings laudably curt and unshowy. while the band was confident enough to finish after just two encores, leaving a highly motivated audience with a strong desire to hear more.
P J Harvey is one of those wild

mutations which are thrown up every so often, and it seems likely that the band will have a profound effect on the course of rock in the Nineties. Whether they end up as unsung heroes (like Hüsker Dü) or a commercial sensation (like Nirvana) remains to be seen.

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seriously. James, waiting for

the curtain to go up, could not

help feeling nervous: "I feel,"

he was heard to say, "like a

Times move on, and today

there is nothing outrageous

about lowly jazzers venturing

into concert halls or even, from

time to time, laying hands on

the classical repertoire. Good-

man himself recorded works

by Mozart, Brahms and De-

bussy (to mixed reviews, it should be said), and commis-

sioned contemporary pieces by

Copland and Bartok. On June

11, his arch-rival Artie Shaw

will be at the Festival Hall to

lead a programme in which Prokofiev's "Classical" Sym-phony and the Mozart Clari-

net Concerto will be heard in

conjunction with Shaw's hits

At 82, Shaw will be restrict-

ing himself to conducting

rather than playing. The solo-

ist will be the enormously

versatile American reeds play-

er and arranger Bob Wilber

(the man responsible for the

exquisite re-creations of period

music in Francis Ford

Coppola's film, The Cotton

Club). For the jazz perfor-

mances Wilber will lead a

group featuring trumpeter

Oliver Jones. The classical

pieces will feature the Wren

Shaw, in fact, abandoned

the clarinet almost 40 years

ago. A mercurial figure with

an abiding interest in litera-

ture and philosophy (and a long list of ex-wives, among

them Lana Turner and Ava

Gardner), he was seldom at

ease in the role of all-American

swing idol. After periodic re-

treats from the music business,

he laid down his instrument

as David Pounmey's produc-

tion is revived at English

National Opera tomorrow.

she fully intends to show who

is in charge. For once, this

Falstaff's scenes of seduc-

tion, gulling and final humili-

ation are all set up by Mistress

Alice Ford. She it is who

provides both the laundry

basket for his ducking and the

"fairies" for his torment at

Herne's oak. For Susan Bull-

ock, this is the chance to bring

logether everything she has

been developing vocally and

dramatically in the first six

ENO have always been pivotal

to each particular stage of my

plains. "Gilda |Rigoletto] was

absolutely right for what was

happening in my voice at the

time. Then there was Faust

and Onegin - and Mikado's

Yum-Yum was like a sort of

baby Rosalinde for the

Fledermaus that came two

years later. Alice Ford brings it

you're singing huge Aida-like

phrases, and the next it's all

chit-chat. One moment you

have to be super-confident and

totally in charge: the next

you're having to blend in and

bubble along in ensemble with

the three other women, almost

The unusually perfect pac-ing of young Bulluck's career

has not been without a good

deal of frustration on the way.

Waiting in the wings seemed

at one point like a career in

itself. She would spend

like a choral singer."

"It's a hard part, one minute

"The roles I have done at

years of her career.

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Shaw was a contradictory

for the last time in 1954.

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months learning roles and never performing. 11111 She covered Faust for three years before finally going on as Marguerite. While on contract to ENO (Bullock is now free-MARKET lance) she was frequently used as a standby, called up at the last minute to take over from someone who had withdrawn. And then there was the curse she took over from Marie

Sight-readers score extra points From Whiteman to Westbrook,

LIFE & TIMES WEDNESDAY JUNE 3 1992

jazz musicians have dabbled in classical music. Clive Davis charts the history of their experiments

The trumpeter Harry musician, who veered from James summed up maudlin string arrangements the mood on the of ballads to nimble smallevening in 1938 group improvisation and auswhen Benny Goodman led an tere chamber music. While his all-star line-up into that shrine versions of "Begin the Beof good taste, Carnegie Hall. It guine" and "Frenesi" brought was not the first time that a in untold royalties, he went on hand had been admitted to the to work as a soloist with several venue, but the musicians and American orchestras and to the audience sensed that this make the album Modern was a portentous occasion, a Music for Clariner, something moment when the establishof a collector's piece, which ment might begin to take jazz

> He and Goodman were not the first examples of a classicaljazz crossover. The so-called symphonic jazz' movement was underway as early as the 1920s, helped along by the popular dance band leader Paul Whiteman In 1924, Whiteman asked George Gershwin to compose a "jazz concerno" for a concert entitled An Experiment in Modern Music". Gershwin's response was Rhapsody in Blue. The pace began to accelerate

included works by Ravel and

in the post-second world war era. By 1946 another big band, led by Woody Herman, was appearing at Carnegie Hall in the premiere of Stravinsky's Ebony Concerto. Around the same time a young pianist by the name of Dave Brubeck was studying under the French composer Darius Milhaud. With his classicallyderived harmonies and varied use of time signatures Brubeck did much to attract a new audience in the Fifties. The same was true of the Modern Jazz Quartet, whose cool sound represents a discreet compromise between the blues and 18th century fugues, and

During the 1980s the gap between the jazz and classical camps has narrowed even further, at least in terms of instrumentalists. The Marsalis brothers, Wynton and Branford, were the most conspicuous examples. Keith Jarrett should not be overlooked either. A keyboard virtuoso with a taste for extravagant improvisations, he surprised everyone with his understated recordings of Book One of The Well Tempered Clavier and the Goldberg Variations. Another well known interpreter of Bach. Friedrich Gulda, was back on



Eminent pioneer of jazz/classical fusion: the late Benny Goodman in London in 1980, studying a score for that year's Aldeburgh Festival

the jazz trail recently, working alongside the German Hamorganist Barbara

This year's Proms programme also bears traces of cross fertilisation. In August John Harle will be giving the first performance of a saxophone concerto by Richard Rodney Bennett, originally composed for the late Stan Getz. Later that month the pianist-composer Mike Westbrook will be wheeling out his "Big Band Rossini" project to mark the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth.

Westbrook is the most idiosyncratic of modern British jazzmen. He has been far more active on the continent

from the Proms, he will be at Ronnie Scott's at the end of this month (June 29), and next Tuesday at the Greenwich Festival he will be giving a performance of his settings of William Blake.

f there is one area where the contemporary jazz world can learn a lesson from "straight" music. it is in terms of respect for tradition. Musicians such as Westbrook and Bob Wilber complain that, amidst the abundance of young, formally trained players, just a lew possess a basic knowledge of the music's past. Only a minority are willing to delve back further than Charlie Parker or

The result is a narrow and predictable repertoire. As Wilber puts it: "There is this false notion that a new style in jazz makes previous ones obsolete. But for a jazz musician not to know anything about Louis Armstrong is like a classical student not knowing Beethoven.

Even some educators acknowledge that there is a problem. Lionel Grigson, a azz instructor at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, believes that the structure of academic courses needs to be reformed. "Our students are expected to attend lectures on early forms, but it's very hard to get them interested. That is partly because youth culture is very much about what is popular now. "Another problem is that jazz education at music colleges is conditioned by the nature of the host institution. The colleges are controlled by classically trained administrators who tend to think that you can teach jazz through the same principles as classical music. They see a big band as very desirable, for instance, because it looks like the equiv-

alent of a symphony orchestra. "So you have people sitting down to read complicated parts, but when it's their turn to solo, they don't know how to express themselves. The imbalance means you're turning out people who can sit in an orchestra and be technically proficient, yet the other skills

Grigson recently produced a book, Jazz From Scratch (published by Faber Music), which contains basic instructions on improvisation, with musical examples ranging from James P. Johnson to Fats Waller and Bill Evans. He argues that educators need to devote more attention to the instinctive elements of jazz.

"People like Armstrong, although they learnt to read music, didn't start out that way. There's nothing wrong with dots on a page, as long as they're used in the right way. We need to tackle this question from the roots. It shouldn't be a question of the ear versus the eye. We ought to be able to

ARTS BRIEF

Shades of pearl

PAULINE COLLINS is returning to the West End for the first time since her performance as the frustrated housewife in Willy Russell's Shirley Valentine. This time she plays Pearl, a woman torn between her ten-year-old son, her mother and her gentleman friend in a new play by Sharman Macdonald (When I Was A Girl. I Used To Scream And Shout). Shades, which is set in Scotland in 1956, is directed by Simon Callow. The production's premiere is at the New Victoria Theatre in Woking, which is being billed as the largest new theatre in the southeast. The theatre opens on June 9, and the play on June 16. Before reaching the West End in July the production will visit Brighton and Bath.

Romeos-a-go-go

WHAT is the attraction of Romeo and Julies, that virtually every ballet company in the country is performing it? This week, Birmingham Royal Ballet unveiled its newest acquisition: Kenneth MacMillan's 1965 production re-designed by Paul Andrews, At Covent Garden, the Royal Ballet's original MacMillan production returns in July; then in August English National Balet revives Ashton's 1955 Dansh production for its Festival

London City Ballet's version, choreographed by Ben Stevenson, is part of LCB's autumn tour, starting in September. Now Scottish Ballet has announced it is reviving John Cranko's Romeo and Juliet as the centrepiece of its autumn season, which opens on August 18 in Glasgow.

Last chance . . .

ALEXANDER CALDER has suffered somewhat from being considered a lightweight among 20th century sculptors. Literally lightweight, in fact. as his best-known pieces, the fluttering mobiles and outlined wire sculptures, have very little physical substance at all. That does not necessarily mean that they are frivolous, however. The compact retrospective in the Royal Academy's Sackler Galleries (071-439 7438) until Sunday is full of charm, energy and movement, and fills the light-box space with life and colour. Why should not galleries be a anguished contemplation?

OPERA: PREVIEW

Bringing everything together

Soprano Susan Bullock sang Butterfly lice Ford, said Verdi. A stirs the porridge. The leading lady and prime with a broken leg and is now Mistress mover of his last great opera. Faistaff must, he insisted. Ford in Falstaff. She talks to Hilary Finch have a bit of the devil about her. When Susan Bullock sings the role for the first time



Bullock: "I feel like posing with a big bag of chips"

McLaughlin. in Rigoletto from Anne Dawson, in Peter Grimes from Josephine Barstow. No six-week rehearsal, often no stage and orchestra rehearsal, no first-night glory.

ne of Bullock's most important breaks happened when she took over the title role in Madam Butterfly from Janice Cairns, who had injured herself falling off the battlements as Tosca. But when it came to Bullock's own Butterfly, in recent weeks. fate intervened personally and

She broke her leg in January, falling on ice in Antwerp. where she was singing in King Priam. Consequently, her Butterfly was performed with a four-and-a-half inch metal plate and five screws in her leg. She was in constant, severe

Nobody noticed. All her reviews commented on the extraordinary poignancy and dramatic intensity of her performance. Critics were seen to have left in tears. As for Bullock, who is known to have left rehearsals for Jenufa in tears herself: "Butterfly always leaves me feeling completely wrecked. No, I don't think I would like to switch off more. I think that's cheating. You've really got to get deep inside these characters in order to have a hope of getting through to Mr X who may have never heen to the opera before."

What the reviews did focus on, here and there was Bullock's not being credibly sylph and geisha-like of figure. There were days when Amazons such as Rira Hunter and Montserrat Caballé could do a Butterfly without anyone blinking an eye. Now even a

size 14 Butterfly with a round face is apparently not on. ENO itself, while tenderly nurturing the career of Bullock. has also been keying in to a now obsessively image-conscious society through its much-criticised Playboy-style advertising. Preconceptions are moulded, expectations

"It has become totally out of proportion. All women opera singers talk non-stop about diet, because they're terrified of being derided as "strapping" or "well-uphoistered".

ullock feels this neurosis is only being exacerbated by the rise of the opera video and television opear. Just as concertgoers are already finding that live music-making can pall com-pared with the fix of highvolume CD sound through earphones, so reactions to opera are in danger of being limited to the superficial. through the selective and literal eve of the camera.

A black Wotan? Evebrows have been raised. An outsize Butterfly? Where is the line to he drawn? Bullock pulls from her bag a cutting she had torn from last week's Saturday Review in The Times. John Whitley had quoted

Manhew Epstein of Welsh comes a step nearer reality this National Opera in his anxiety week. If the EC does manage that "in a culture driver, by sex appeal, there is an obvious: danger that artists will be selected for their physical and set of rules governing the pearance." He goes on to cate: the promotion of Dmitri Hyrostovsky, Cheryl Studer and Cecilia Barroli, all of for David Mellor, the secretary whom have "something close." to filmstar good looks".

"You know, I feel like posing + two weeks ago. This week, civil for your photographer stuffing an ice-cream, and with a big bag of chips in my hand?" Bullock's passions, though, are being reserved for her Kawa Kabanova with Ghidebourne Touring Opera in the autumn, and for a future in which Verdi's Desdemona and Strauss's Marschailin are unlikely to be too far away.

● Falstæll, produced in Danal Pountney and conducted by Mark Elder, opens at the Coliscum. Landon WC2 077-836 31611 tonight at T. Horn, with further mances on Saturday, June 9. 11.15.17 grd 30

TELEVISION REVIEW

Take your partners for dancing in limbo

Angels (ITV) described it as "quirky", which is always a worrying sign. "Quirky" tends to be deployed when other, more direct words -"funny", for instance, or "tragic", or "riveting" - do not quite seem to fit.

In theory, it suggests unexpected humour, different thinking and unconventional structure. In fact, like "zany". another favourite blurb word. "quirky" is usually a cop-out, suggesting that the people who have to see these things in advance, in order to write the promotional notes, are not quite certain what they have just watched, or indeed whether they enjoyed it. There are hims of a scattershot of ideas and styles, not all of which come off as well as they were

Angels, the 90-minute film written by Tony Grisoni and directed by Philip Saville, was broadcast last night. It was

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as a notable diplomatic success

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other EC ministers in Brussels

servants from each member

state are taking the ministers'

The president, Portugal, has

devised a draft directive, and

swallowed much of its own

protectionist preferences to do

so. But the draft is still not

acceptable to Britain and some

other members. They say it is

too long, too bureaucratic and

ultimately unenforcable. If

Portugal is to get the directive

sealed by the end of its

presidency in July, there will

have to be some climbing

Mellor has apparently put

down from the barricades.

places around the table.

he publicity pack that rakish one (Tom Bell), the heralded the coming of potty punk one (Eric Malletti potty punk one (Eric Mallett) and the goodlooking female one (Cathy Tyson). Their job was to turn up at deaths and take care of any unfinished business, so that the newly deceased could take the big walk to the sunset with easy minds. While all this wa being sorted out, the grateful dead had to hang around for a short eternity in a celestial hotel lobby, which I suppose corresponds to most people's

idea of purgatory.

The three hapless corpsesin-waiting were James Purefoy as a Maltese waiter shot to death in a gang fight: Louise Lombard, driven to suicide by a succession of ill-starred love affairs; and Alfred Molina. a boozy hack who was meant to fall out of a train (BR will have appreciated the bit about the faulty door locks, but whose equally drunken friend fell out instead. This caused a rage among the angels, there was talk of a rip in the cosmic fabric and the story could not end until the dead man was



Client and angel: Louise Lombard, Tom Bell in Angels

brought back to life and Molina died as required. Eventually he obliged, voluntarily taking a dive because, on a daytrip to the celestial hotel, he had discovered that Purefoy was his long-lost father, now ten years younger than he, and a snooker cheat: all of which, for some reason.

made him worth dying for.

Angels, we were told, was made by the production team responsible for The Life and Loves of a She-Devil and The Cloning of Joanna May, by which we were meant to assume a high level of dark comedy and off-the-wall humour, with some conversationworthy philosophy on the side. But Tony Grisoni is not yet Fay Weldon, and Angels was

iess New Drama and more Highway to Heaven without the schmaltz.

The programme did have the good Warren Clarke in it. though, playing a fabulously sinister lothario who, it became clear, was the Devil Incarnate against whom all angels must battle. He had the best lines and also the single most chilling one. "It isn't over yet," he snarled, cuddling a gigantic teddy bear. That can mean only one

> thing at the end of a television drama - they want to make it into a series. Call me quirky. but I wonder if you can book rooms at the Purgatory Motel? PATRICK

STODDART

HERITAGE

Battle on the border

Simon Tait finds the EC preparing

to grasp the nettle of art export controls

forward compromises to help both sides. In one camp are the Mediterranean states of Spain. Italy. Greece. France and Portugal. They want a highly protectionist system that will allow even objects of very low market value to be classed as national treasures. Everything from hand-painted backdrops to books more than 100 years old would be

protected, along with a huge list of other categories. They also want 30 years (as opposed to the six favoured by Britain) in which to retrieve objects that have been illegally exported. The danger is that this

policy would drive the art market not only from London. as dealers fear, but out of the EC altogether. That is the line that Mellor's civil servants will

The northern members Britain, Germany, Denmark and the Benelux countries put forward the pragmatic argument, that if such things cannot be protected when there are frontiers, they certainly cannot when the frontiers have gone. Germany is not even convinced it wants a

directive. But Britain does have German support for a looser and much less detailed directive covering only items of fairly high value. Mellor believes that what is precious is not necessarily a national treasure, and it is pointless constructing idealistic rules that are

unenforcable. Britain says that private property rights should be rec-

ognised by all members. This should be good news for those opposed to the listing of national treasures that are in private hands - an idea that the previous arts minister. Tim Renton, put forward and which is expected to be considered by Mellor next week.

Mellor has offered the southerners a strict timetable for the recovery of illegally exported objects: a month in which to inspect an object after it has been detained; and a year to institute retrieval procedures - instead of the five the protectionists want, and the three Portugal has offered in the draft. Britain believes the interests of the bona fide owner, who will suffer "loss of enjoyment and investment potential", deserve consideration.

Portugal would like the directive agreed at the next internal market meeting of ministers on June 17, before it relinquishes the presidency to Britain. In fact, there is no certainty that there will be a directive by the advent of the single market on January 1.

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The figures in the Bois

Next week, the Oueen will open a Henry Moore exhibition in the Bois de Boulogne.

June Ducas reports uring the next few weeks, Parisians may be surprised to find a handsome girl with

short cropped hair, wearing a pair of navy blue shorts, T-shirt, trainers and a yellow arm band, bicycling around the gardens of the Baga-telle in the Bois de Boulogne. For not only is it "interdit" to cycle in the grounds but forbidden even to walk on the grass. However, Julie Summers, aged

31, an art historian and assistant curator at the Henry Moore Foundation, has special permission to pedal around the vast park (24 hectares in all) on her mountain bike. Armed with a walkie-talkie and a mobile telephone, she is overseeing a team of ten men as they install 27 gargantuan bronze sculptures for an exhibition called Moore a Bagatelle to be opened by the Oueen on June 10.

The logistics of moving these larger-than-life works of art from the pastoral fields of Perry Green, Hertfordshire (the Foundation's headquarters) where the sculptor lived and worked, are legion. More like a commanding officer than a curator, Summers has been masterminding the operation for months. A fleet of 12 lorries (the biggest will have a police escort the whole way to Paris) has been hired to transport not only the sculptures but also a specially designed eight-ton trolley. tractor, three-ton gantry, crane and various winches which are needed to put the pieces in position.

At Bagatelle, an additional French crane will hoist sculptures too wide to pass through the gilded Louis XVI gates over the top of those impressive portals. In the park, ramps are being built to ensure that not a blade of grass is harmed as each masterpiece is lodged in its carefully chosen site. In particular, Summers has been instructed to protect the millions of bulbs - daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, narcissi and crocus - which bloom on the swards every spring.

Once owned by Marie Antoinette's brother-in-law, the Comte d'Artois, the gardens of the Bagatelle in their current form were laid out in the 19th century by Lord Seymour, Marquis of Hertford, as a "jardin à l'anglaise." The parkland has mature trees, sweeping vistas, lakes, grottos, waterfalls and



Moore, trees and sky: the sculptor's monumental Reclining Mother and Child (1975-76) will look at home in Paris this summer

vast meadows: the ideal natural backdrop for Moore's work. His sculptures need changing light and the sky behind them.

As the summer sunlight dims into the gentler hazes of autumn, it will be fascinating for the visitor to return several times (the exhibition runs until October) to watch the effect of the changing seasons on both the sculptures and the garden.

Ithough the artist is best known for his monumental works, it was in fact not until the last 25 years of his life that he could afford to cast his work in grandiose proportions, and in bronze. Money also gave him liberty to buy up acres of abandoned farmland surrounding his home where he first displayed his sculptures in the fields. He disliked overcrowding, and

his works were always set well apart. So he would be pleased to find that the sheer scope of the Bagatelle's demestie allows every sculpture to be studied in isolation. By a twist of fate, it was a commission for Unesco's building in Paris in 1955 that stimulated

Moore to carve his first colossal figure, one that was larger than anything he had ever done before. Deciding on the subject matter had taken him months of deliberation. He chose a reclining woman, the essential embodiment of the female form and a recurring theme in his

artistic vocabulary.
"Eventually, after discarding many preliminary studies. I decided on a reclining figure that seeks to tell no story at all. I wanted to avoid any kind of allegorical interpretation that is now trite," he said. The figure proved to be the inspiration for many of his later works which are the focus of next month's exhibition.

Few of these have been seen in

France before and Moore à Bagatelle is expected to attract over 250,000 people. His last important show was 15 years ago at the Orangerie and the Tuileries. Apart from Unesco's Reclining Figure, there are only two other Moore sculptures in France: Reclining Figure: Festival at the Musée National d'Art Moderne and Two Piece Reclining Figure: Cut in

Yet Moore had a long association with Paris, culminating two years before he died when François Mitterrand came to Perry Green to give him the Legion of Honour. On receiving it, he repeated three times

is links began in 1922 while he was still a student at the Royal College of Art. The principal Sir William Rothenstein. gave him several introductions including one to the Pellerin family in whose house he saw Cezanne's Les Grandes Baigneuses. Moore's only child. Mary, says: "It was certainly one of the great, seminal visual experiences of his life. He was bowled over by the sculptural curility, the three dimensionality. quality, the three dimensionality and the dignity of the painting." Moore himself wrote: "Seeing that picture, for me, was like seeing

Chartres Cathedral." Over the years, Moore acquired a remarkable collection of French drawings and paintings including several by Rodin, Degas, Seurat, Vuillard, and his own Cezanne. Trois Baigneuses. By a happy

wart finds this century

can measure up to the

few weeks ago in a Parisian furniture store. The three heirs

of the recently deceased art

dealer Pierre Matisse (the son

of Henri) were sorting out the

last odds and ends brought up

from their father's villa outside

Nice when two long poles

wrapped in canvas dropped out of a crate. As the lengths of

dusty canvas were unrolled, it

soon became apparent that a

monumental forgotten work

In area it is enormous -three panels measuring a total

of 13 x 3.5 metres — while qualitatively it is hard to

parallel: the triptych is certain-

ly Matisse's first unfinished

attempt at his great mural Danse (1932). Originally commissioned for the Barnes

Foundation in Merion. Penn-

sylvania in 1930, Danse was

formerly known in two ver-

sions: the final version in-

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earlier version worked to the

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with many Moore's personal possessions - furniture, his library of books, ethnic artefacts, pebbles, shells, pieces of flint, maquettes and small sculptures - are now on show at Didier Imbert, a gallery in the Avenue Matignon.

Mounted with the help of Mary Moore, Moore Intime is shown in the context of room settings, replicas of those at his home (done by graphics) with computer photographs of views from the windows over Henfordshire. It is a series of small, intimate glimpses into the artist's mind and eye.

"The juxtaposition of my father's own work with his private art collection makes the visitor stand back and see him afresh," says Mary. "It is quite coincidental that there is a major show at Bagatelle. But I believe they complement each

 Moore à Bagarelle. Jointly presented by The City of Paris, the Henry Moore Foundation and the British Council. June 11-Oct 4. ■ Moore Intime. Didier Imbert Fine Arts. 19. Avenue Matignon. Paris 75008 (Tel 45-62-10-40). Until July 24.

Look your last on all things English

Richard Mayne finds that French and German

film directors are giving the world stranger and stranger impressions of our way of life

7 hen Robert Burns wrote "O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us / To see oursels as others see us!" he had no notion that in 200 years' time the cinema would do just that. But he was optimistic in imagining that "It wad frae mony a blunder free us." More likely, it would make us conclude that the "others" in ques-

tion had defective eyesight. The lubricious-looking London of G.W. Pabst's Die Dreigroschenoper (1931), from Bertolt Brecht's version of The Beggar's Opera, was an apt and early example, dripping with more foggy crime than the most extravagant Hollywood set design for Sherlock Holmes. Barely more recognizable, in a different way, was the background of Rene Clement's 1954 comedy Monsieur Ripois (Knave of Hearts). in which Gérard Philipe played a philanderer, all too understandably lost in a town few Londoners could believe was theirs.

Two new films that were on show at the Cannes Festival this year came as a sharp reminder that strange views of Britain are still current abroad. The odder of the two is Archipel (Archipelago). a curiously whimsical departure for the mainstream French director Pierre Granier-Deferre.

Set on an island off the south coast of England that some have identified (I think wrongly) as the Isle of Wight, the film centres on an improbable boarding-school for boys, supposedly bilingual, but almost always speaking French. This is "Hamilton School", whose young proprietress Alexandra Hamilton (Claire Nebout) lives in a nearby house on the estate. When 17-year-old Michel (Melvil Poupaud) finds he has nowhere to go during the holidays. Alexandra offers him a room. As the sunny days go by, he grows more and more intrigued by her. But he has two rivals: the school librarian (played by Michel Piccoli), and the goodlooking housekeeper (Ludmila Mikael). The former turns out to be a peoping Tom, the latter a lesbian. And when the holidays end. Michel is as virginal as ever — though he has his eye on the blande school nurse.

Hamilton, I must confess, would have been a fabulous alma mater. Outside it looks vaguely Georgian. but with suspiciously 1930s windows, at which Alexandra undresses with the curtains open. Inside, the doors and their handles are unmistakeably French: so are most

A Matisse dances again

Fiona Dunlop on a striking but

unsettling art discovery in Paris

The programme of the second second

Found among the furniture: one panel of the triptych

nique of working with cut-out

Initial disbelief amongst the

heirs soon turned to panic.

Just signed and sealed was an agreement reached between

the Matisse family lawyers

and the French state which

gave the nation a "dation" of

of the Second Empire ornaments. The Berlitz method applied to decor, perhaps.

The fees must be astronomicalthere are only 300 pupils. Admittedly, we meet only two teachers. and there seems an equal paucity of parents - barely a dozen classic cars in the tiny courtyard to collect the boys at the end of term. Strangest of all, Michel's dipped, macking English friend, a young anstocrat well played by Samuel West (brilliant as Leonard Bast in Howards End), describes home life in the family seat in terms nonexistent outside a Feydeau farce.

If Hamilton School is a Gallic dream-world as unreal as Groucho Mary's Huxley College (Hurse Feathers, 1932), the London Indging-house portrayed by the German director Petra Haffter in 4 Demon in My View is a throwback to Alfred Hitchcock and Mrs Belloc

This is not a remake of their The Lodger, whose plot it in effect reverses: its basis is a novel by Ruth Rendell. Did she, i wonder, imagine quite so creepy a derelict area as the film's Trinity Read "There are nine streets of that name in Greater London; but

this can hardly be one of them.

The owner of the house is Stratford Johns, once of Z-Can. now looking like Michelin's Bibendum. His long-standing lodger is Anthony Perkins - thin. testy, thoroughly untrustworthy. with a faintly broguish English accent he might have learned from Pierce Brosnan. Joining the household is a German student, played by Uwe Bohm, whose name is so like the Anthony Perkins lodger's that their mail gets mixed up. Assorted exiles from any Hanif Kureishi movie - black, Chinese, East European, etc -- make up the nest of the claustrophobic cast. But the real duel is between Perkins and Bohm, against the background of Ripper-type murders in bocklit streets.

So which is Britain? A cool, effete, country version of Le Lycée Français? Or an unlikely marriage between Fritz Lang's M and, say, Earls Court? Either, no doubt, is more plausible than the London of Aki Kaurismaki's I Hired a Contract Killer, with Serge Reggiani selling "French hamburgers" from a stall in a cemetery. But with the Europe of 1992 opening up before us, we shall soon be facing lenses that are more distorted still.

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Quivar: conductor James Levine (June 5): while on June 4 the orchestra and choir of the Met perform in Beethoven's Fidelio in a concert version, with Christof Perick

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47 art works in lieu of death duties. The Musée National d'Art Moderne at the Centre Pompidou is gearing up to exhibit the Pierre Matisse "dation" (which apart from 25 works by Matisse includes Cezanne. Rouault, Giacometti, Miro and Dubuffet), opening on June 18. However, the jack-in-the-box appearance of the unknown Danse has set heads buzzing. With a value estimated at \$20 million, the dilemma is - who gets it?

It is temporarily housed in a Parisian studio, still bearing the scars of its 60-year sleep in a cellar. For taxation purposes a museum expert has to put a price on it.

When Matisse turned increasingly to the cut-out technique, the great colourist wrote: "I have penetrated to the essential and abstract nature of forms and I have preserved the subject which, formerly. I had presented in too complex a manner." The abandoned first version of Danse may have appeared too complex to Matisse himself but it is certain that France will be loth to let it go.

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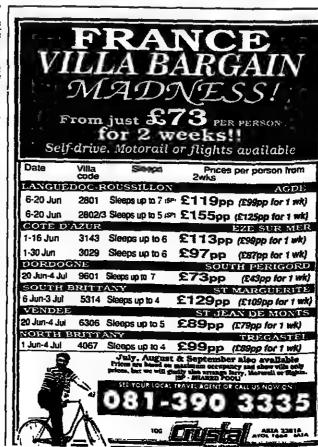
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An actress and a historian remember Mary Wollstonecraft. Linda Grant learns about a campaigner for women's rights

Two centuries of sisterhood

istorian Sheila Rowbotham visited the grave of Mary Wollstonecraft in a little churchyard near St Pancras, north London, last year. She found it nearly derelict. She wrote to Camden council and to Michael Foot, the former Labour leader, who is a Camden resident, and he began a letter-writing campaign.

The undertakers who had buried Wollstonecraft were a family business still in existence. When the undertakers heard of the campaign, they paid for the restoration.

Who is Mary Wollstonecraft? "Every generation discovers her and the next generation forgets her," Ms Rowbotham says. Twenty years ago, Vindication of the Rights of Women was required reading for feminists. As an 18th-century political thinker and sexual radical she inspired the women who read Germaine Greer and wanted to read more.

Annis, are celebrating the book's bicen-'Her generation tenary, determined to untrowas passionate duce her name to a new generation. On Sunand committed. day night, Ms Annis heads the We must get back cast of A Dangerous Reputatto those ideas' ion, an evening of readings of

Wollstonecraft's work and what others, such as her the making of a better society, to be son-in-law, the poet Shelley, wrote useful rather than parasitic." Woll-

Why is she important? Ms Annis, who is touring at the moment with Sienna Red, a Stephen Poliakoff play, says: "One of the characters in it says that these are the Nineties, they should be romantic, artistic and dangerous. But when you think about it, they are not. They are dull and pessimistic. By contrast, Mary Wollstonecraft's generation, the generation of the French Revolution, was passionate and committed to change. We need to get back in touch with those ideas."

Ms Rowbotham, one of the organisers of the evening, rediscovered Wolistonecraft as a 14-year-old. While on holiday at the seaside, she bought a book about the philosopher William Godwin (to whom Wollstonecraft was married) and his radical circle. "It was a revelation,"

In the early 1970s she wrote her own book, Hidden From History, during the period when feminists were finding that the past was more

than kings, dates and battles. She says: "I read the Vindication and I was amazed because it was so exciting. It was written in only six weeks in 1791 in a really turnultuous time when everybody was

debating everything."
The 1770s and 1780s were turbulent decades. In Europe and America revolutions were taking place. In Britain, the Romantic movement was feeding artistically on the sense of personal and political freedom that gripped Europe. Wordsworth and Coleridge, still young men, allied themselves with the overthrow of the French aristocracy and Shelley considered himself a revolutionary.

Campaigns to enfranchise the working man were beginning in England. The Vindication was the first work to argue for women's emancipation, without which, Wolistonecraft argued, one could never have a just society.

Although she alluded to votes for women, she believed that education had to come first. Ms Rowbotham Two decades later her champions, says: "Some women in the aristocraincluding the actress Francesca cy were influential, but she thought

that the kind of power they exercised was the power of the bedroom, being influential behind the scenes, and she thought that kind of power was very demeaning. She wanted women to have power in their own right.

to take part in

stonecraft, described by a contemporary as the most daring Englishwoman of her time, had an extra-ordinary life. In 1792, the year the book was published, she travelled alone to Paris to see for herself the effects of the French Revolution and witnessed the execution of the king. As passionate in her love life as in

her thinking, she fell disastrously in love with Gilbert Imlay, an American adventurer, by whom she had an illegitimate child. Imlay broke her heart, betrayed her and left her, and she attempted suicide.

In torment, she journeyed to Scandinavia where she rallied to produce imaginative and socially observant travel writing.
On her return to England, she

opened a school for girls in Newington Green, Hackney, east London, to put into action her belief in the education of daughters.

In 1797 she married Godwin and gave birth to another daughter. Mary, who eventually married the poet Shelley and wrote the horror story, Frankenstein. A few months after Mary's birth, her mother died of septicaemia, one of the complica-



In memory: Francesca Annis, left, and Sheila Rowbotham will be together to mark the bicentenary of Mary Wollstonecraft's book

tions of childbirth at the time. She

Some historians have argued that she is as important as Thomas Paine, whose Rights of Man influ-enced the thinkers of the American Revolution. To others, she is one of the key figures of the Romantic circle of poets and painters. The feminists of the 1970s respected her for speaking out on women's rights. and at the same time she was the subject of biographical fascination because of her unconventional

lifestyle. The unlikely friendship of Ms Annis, an actress who lives in Kensington, west London, and Ms Rowbotham, a feminist historian living in Hackney, goes back to that period when both attended a meeting on women's liberation at Ruskin College, Oxford. Although Ms

Annis has never been one of the publicly political actresses such as Glenda Jackson or Julie Christie. in her twenties she had rejected her strict, conservatively Catholic

upbringing.
She says: "I became a hippie and found it was not enough. I wanted to be more in control of my life and I was curious about things. At Ruskin I met women who came from such widely different backgrounds and joined a study group on the family. "Although I stopped being active

in the women's movement when I had three children in quick succession, I have never opted out of my personal commitment."

Ms Annis was drawn to feminism by her friend Sally Alexander, a former actress who was then married to the actor John Thaw. Their daughter Abigail Thaw, who app-

ears in The Bill. will also read on Sunday along with Juliet Stevenson, Harriet Walter, Fiona Shaw and writers Paul Foot and Richard Holmes, a biographer of Shelley. Another reader is Ms Rowbotham's

studies lecturer, in EastEnders. Both Ms Annis and Ms Rowbotham are concerned that the rebellious decades of their own activism have given way to cynicism

friend Jacquetta May, who plays her

fictional counterpart, a women's

and despair. "I wanted to do this because I want to be part of women's celebration. It is uplifting, it is extremely good for the soul," Ms Annis says. "I do not think there are movements that young people can be part of any more, apart from animal rights. They are all isolated and separated. Being part of a movement like this is

fascinating because it brings together people whom you would not normally meet.

"I am determined not to drop being a feminist because it has done so much, particularly for a younger generation of women who do not even realise what changes have taken place in our lifetimes."

When Ms Rowbotham started to do publicity for the reading, she discovered that the name of Mary Wollstonecraft meant nothing to most of the people she contacted. Two hundred years after the publication of her most famous book, her name still needs to be vindicated.

 Vindication of the Rights of Women is published by Everyman and Penguin. A Dangerous Reputation is at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WCI. June 7, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £3 and £1.

AND BRIEFLY

Earth women

WHILE attention focuses on the predominantly male politicians at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, "women's issues" will not be neglected if somewhat ghettoised. A "Women's Tent" will be high-lighting a "Women's Action Agenda" approved by 1,500 women's groups from 83 countries - including Britain's National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO), representing 200 UK groups. There will be panels, workshops and activities on the agenda, which contains proposals in all areas of development from reproductive rights to technology. Bernadette Vallely, of the Women's Environmental Network, a member of the NAWO, says that although women are "producing 80 per cent of food in Africa and doing over 80 per cent of the shopping in Europe they are often the last to be consulted in decisions on environment and

Build it simple

A DOLL'S house can cost hundreds, if not thousands of pounds. Enthusiasts with more time than money might prefer to invest in Build A Doll's House (published by Batsford £15.99) by the owner of The Dolls House in Covent Garden, Michal Morse. It demonstrates how to make even quite complicated houses out of simple materials and includes detailed lists of relevant suppliers, publications and fairs.

Going potty

SOME of the best-preserved and rarest items of 17th century Chinese blue and white porcelain from the Vung Tau Cargo discovered off the coast of South Vietnam in 1989 will be among the fragile objects on show at the international Ceramics Fair and Seminar at the Park Lane Hotel in Piccadilly, London W1, from June 12 to 15.

There will also be contemporary works in porcelain. 19th century Minto majolica ware and 18th century Dutch Delft. Admission is £8, including the handbook, and on each day there will be lectures which muct be booked in advance. Details from: ICFS Ltd., booking office, 3B Burlington Gardens, Old Bond Street, London WIX ILE (071-734 5491).

VICTORIA MCKEE

Where are the missing?

ancy Nystrom refers to her husband in the present tense although legally she is considcred a military widow. Squadron Commander Bruce Nystrom has been missing since December 1966 when his US Navy aircraft was lost over North Vietnam somewhere in the Red River Delta, south of Hanol. He was 39 years old, she was the mother of three teenagers, and their 18th - wedding anniversary was a few months away.

In the 26 years since, there has been no solid information about him - no sightings, no remains - just a brief report out of Hanoi the day after his disappearance, proclaiming the capture of an unnamed American "war criminal" in the general area in which he went down. It marked the beginning of more than two decades of uncertainty and condemned his wife to what she describes as "quasi status".

"I feel I am neither fish nor fowl, neither wife nor widow. It's as though where Bruce is concerned I am in a state of suspended animation, although in every other area 1

have got on with my life." Despite her "very busy and productive life" Mrs Nystrom has been under pressure from others to close this unresolved chapter by re-marrying.

My reply is that I have not met anyone who has come remotely close to Bruce. But after 26 years apart, I don't know what he would be like now and I have guilty feelings about how I could possibly want him to have survived all these years in unspeakable conditions just so that I can have him home again. He won't be the same person and

neither will 1. Although Sqn Cdr Nystrom was declared legally dead in 1978 under the Carter administration, he remains one of 2.266 Americans unaccounted for in Indochina. According to the US Defence Intelligence Agency, out of 1.574 first-hand live sighting reports of missing servicemen received between 1975 and the end of April this year, 97 of them are unresolved. It has proved to be a statistic too compelling for America to ignore and last week a team of 60 US military and intelli-

gence officers entered Vietnam

servicemen may relieve the suffering of wives

A fresh mission to discover the fate of lost Vietnam



United by war: Carol and Jim Hickerson, with their children Jenny and Jim junior

on a search and retrieval mission led by Senator John Kerry, the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs.

they are investigating "the 97"
— comprising 50 alleged "prisoners" and 47 "non-prisoners" - and aim to achieve the fullest possible accounting and repatriation of MIAS. alive and dead, since the end of the war. Their hopes are founded on increased co-operation from their former enemy following an international agreement over Cambodia which had been the main sticking point between America and Vietnam. As part of its step-by-step process for normalising relations, on April 29 the United States lifted its economic embargo with Vietnam on basic foods.

goods and non-governmental humanitarian aid. Help has also come from an unexpected quarter. The Russian government pledged its full co-operation in efforts to seek information about M1As and acknowledges that American deserters and possibly POWs were moved to the Soviet Union after the Viet-

nam War (as they were to

China) although there is no evidence that any remain. Little wonder then that wives such as Nancy Nystrom Scouring seven provinces,

view this latest development pragmatically. "I suppose I am guardedly optimistic about the future but I believe we cannot give the Vietnamese what they want before we have accomplished our own goal."

er words are echoed by the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia which represents more than 3,800 POW/MIA relatives. The league is clearly disappointed. however, that not a single American has been accounted for since the United States trade initiative in April. Its director of operations, Mary Backley, adds: "It is our position that the MIA issue must be resolved before the full lifting of the US embargo on

Carol Hickerson re-married seven years after her first husband, Stephen Paul Hanson, a Marine Corps helicopter pilot, then 27, was shot down over Laos in June 1967. She considers herself lucky in that she did receive further

information about the fate of her first husband. One of Stephen Hanson's crew, listed as missing for three years. survived the highly-classified mission which involved the rescue of some wounded Green Beret army personnel. "I had the opportunity to

talk to him when he returned

home and it was then I felt

Stephen was not alive. From his account. Stephen survived the crash but was immediately caught up in a firefight and in all probability did not survive. Still there remains a tiny area of unknowing in my

mind. I have only the word of someone who doesn't know for sure. I am not a normal widow with a deceased husband and a man who takes on a wife like me takes on a lot." Mrs Hickerson, who lives in Camarillo. California, has been married for 18 years to

Jim Hickerson, a Vietnam veteran and POW who was listed as missing for three years. When he was released and returned to the United States, he discovered his first wife had divorced him and moved out. "It was our concern for each other which initially brought us together." Mrs Hickerson says.

They became engaged when Stephen Hanson's status was changed from MIA to "presumed dead" which allows wives like her to remarry without the added pain of divorce, simplifies inheritances and reduces government benefits.

Marri Trafford, whose father, Lieutenant Francis McGouldrick, a flight navigator, went missing in Laos on December 13, 1968, says that her mother, who died 12 years ago, always maintained he was alive and raised her four daughters to believe the same. "She told us one day he was going to come home and until we heard differently. that's what we were to hang on to."

Ms Trafford, a 28-year-old mother of two living in Columbus. Ohio, continues to wear an MIA bracelet inscribed with her father's name, rank and age and the date he was lost. "My worst memory is attending a memorial service at Washington DC organised by the Carter administration to commemorate the missing men. There is a stone with my father's name on it but, of course, there are no remains. We were terribly bitter as we felt that President Carter was trying to purge the Vietnam experience from the nation and to be rid of us and our questions. He had our missing men declared dead, mistakenly hoping it would shut us up."

Her father was on a reconnaissance mission when his plane was involved in a midair collision with another American aircraft. A survivor from the other crew says he saw a parachute issue from Li McGouldrick's aircraft but whether it belonged to him or the pilot remains unknown. If my father's remains were

to come home our fight will finally be over." Ms Trafford copies. says. "But for the rest of our lives we'll wonder about his fate. Did he die in the crash? Was he a POW and if so, for how many years? Did he suffer? I don't expect miracles - most families don't. An end to the uncertainty is what I truly want, or failing that, the knowledge that every MIA who could feasibly be accounted for, is accounted for."

> DONNA LEIGH-KILE

Japan's 100-year-old twin sisters have a hit CD



Centenarian stars: Kin (meaning gold) and Gin (silver), models of a vigorous old age

ost would agree that glamour, youth, even just a full set of teeth would be necessary to become a popmusic idol in Japan, where teenage stars breeze in and out of fashion in the blink of an eye. But two newcomers to the scene have defied all the unwritten rules. They are Kin and Gin, Japan's celebrated 100-year-old twins, who possess no more than five teeth between them and eschew modish lacy miniskins in favour of traditional indigo kimonos and wooden Japanese

Their unorthodox appear ance, raspy voices and understandable habit of dropping off to sleep in mid-interview have not stopped them from starring in television commercials, a television soap opera, and a chat show. They have also recorded their own CD. "Kin-chan to Gin-chan" (Little Miss Gold and Little Miss Silvery which has sold more than a hundred thousand

The secret of their success lies in the fact that these charming and loquacious cenienarian stariets have emerged as the feisty symbols of Japan's ageing society. With the longest life expectancy in the world (82 years for women and 76 for men) and one of the lowest birthrates, Japan's population is rapidly growing grey. It was only a matter of time

before some unsuspecting nonagenarian was hauled out blinking in front of the tele-vision cameras to represent the

Little large

super-elderly and become the new manifestation of the "ageing boom". Kin and Gin have risen to the occasion and fulfilled their role with gusto. keeping starlets, some eight or nine decades their junior. snapping fruitlessly at their

heels in the pop charts. They were discovered last September when the mayor of Nagoya dropped by on "respect for the aged day" to congratulate them on their venerable age. Word of their vigour and wit spread fast and soon Duskin, a manufacturer of dusters and kitchen towels, was knocking on the door wanting to make a commercial to implant its telephone number, which is 100-100, firmly in the minds of the

Last December the twins made their national television debut in a 15-second Duskin commercial. The tiny starlets, who both tip the scales at five stones and and are 4ft 1 in tall. were soon starring in an advertisement for make-up. Then came the chat-shows, the CD, the T-shirts, the dolls, the

mugs and posters. Japan's tabloid newspapers and sensationalist weekly magazines, normally devoted

to accounts of teeny-boppers' tantrums and raunchy descriptions of sumo wrestlers' sex lives, have made a mass transfer of loyalties to cover the domestic antics of these two elderly ladies. Both are widowed great grandmothers. born on August 1, 1892, when samurai warriors were still to be seen walking around their home town. By the traditional Japanese reckoning, which counts a baby as one-year-old at birth, the twins are already 100 years old.

The Japanese government has been constantly troubled by scare stories in the press concerning the perennial question of what they are going to do with all their elderly people. Barely a year goes by without another rumour that the government is about to buy the Faroe Islands or Majorca to use as a dumping ground for all its greyhaired dependants.

But now Kin and Gin have come to the rescue as the acceptable manifestation of Japan's "ageing boom". According to Mitsuo Ueno of the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology, millions of people apparently rejoice in the alertness and wit of the centenarian twins and are developing aspirations to be as bright as them when they grow older. "People are getting nervous about the greying of society," he says. "But the twins are so full of life and have become an inspiration to everyone,"

JOANNA PITMAN

A break in the maternal line

'Eve', the 200,000year-old African woman, is not the mother of man, according to recent reassessment of the data. Nigel Hawkes looks at the evidence

ve is dead. The hypothesis that we are all descended from an ancestral mother who lived 200,000 years ago in Africa has been demolished. A statistical analysis of the data has shown that the results were dictated by the order in which the information was fed into the computer.

Professor Alan Templeton, a geneticist at Washington University in St. Louis has shown that the method used by the late Allan Wilson and his Berkeley colleagues in 1987 to conclude that all humans are descended from a single African mother was critically flawed.

The "Eve" or "Out of Africa" hypothesis has been enormously influential in the five years since Wilson's group announced that their study of differences in mitochondrial DNA from 147 people around the world showed a lineage going back to a single female ancestor who lived between 140,000 and 290,000 years ago in southern Africa.

The Wilson group chose DNA from the mitochondria, microscopic bodies which form the power plants in cells, because, unlike the DNA in the nucleus of the cell, it descends only through the female line. We all possess the same mitochondrial DNA as our mothers, except for small changes that occur at a predictable rate. By studying the variations in the mitochondrial DNA of their sample and making assumptions about the rate of change, Mr Wilson's group believed they were able to trace back to the simplest family tree. This tree led, they said, to a woman in Africa.

According to Professor Templeton's study, however, more than 10.000 simpler family trees are also compatible with Mr Wilson's data. Some include mixed African and non-African basic groups, "thereby invalidating the original rationale for an African origin".

To trace the descent, Wilson's team used a computer program, called PAUP, designed to give a "maximum parsimony tree" — the simplest line of descent. As a benchmark, samples of mitochondrial DNA from chimpanzees were also taken, on the assumption that human and ane lines diverged five million years ago. and the comparison was used to establish rate of change of the DNA.

Recent discoveries suggest that this assumption was also wrong, with the solit between humans and apes actually taking place longer ago.



Early days: the skills of Peking man indicate a continuity that is unlikely to have been inherited from 'Eve'. Illustration by Maurice Wilson

to support Mr Wilson's thesis, including claims of early modern humans before 100,000 years ago at Border Cave and Klaasies river mouth in South Africa, and the general view that the ultimate origin of early ancestors such as Australopithecus lay in sub-Saharan Africa.

Some archeologists have questioned the thesis, however, arguing that the implication that all human culture prior to 200,000 years ago was a dead end does not accord with the continuity of technology, economy, and ecological adaptations seen in regions such as China.

The discovery of hominid remains such as the Kanapoi Australopithe-cine, dated to 5.5 million years ago, also suggests that the date chosen for the split between ages and human ancestors is much too recent.

In a study yet to be published. Professor Templeton agrees with the archaeologists' qualms. Reassess-ment of the mitochondrial DNA data indicates that the geographical origin of the common ancestress was not necessarily in Africa, he says, because this was based on an "invalid analysis" using inappropriate statistibiased in favour of an African root. In addition, Mr Wilson's group erred in using too narrow a timespan: even if every human DNA sequence was completely known, its rate of change accurately calibrated, and the

molecular clock governing the rate of

nutation functioning perfectly. there would still be random error caused by genetic drift. Application of corrective formulae, even with such assumptions of

perfection, would give a date 524,000 or even 772,000 ears ago Professor

Rethink: Professor Templeton Templeton also believes that the assumption of a constant molecular clock is "of dubious validity", because rare favourable mutations of DNA can spread rapidly through the population as the result of Darwinian

African populations therefore reflects the time since the last such favourable mutation, not the age of the population itself

The argument that Eve's lineage was unique, replacing all other possible family trees, is also invalid. Professor Tem-

pleton says. Studies of gene flow in species such as the rapidly-breeding fruit fly Drosophila suggest that a number of additional factors would be needed for the contention to be true, but these -mount so bluow patible with the observed dam on

mitochondrial DNA. A model in which modern humans evolved from many different centres would.

in contrast, fit all the evidence. The implication of these criticisms is that Eve could have lived more

sarily in Africa, and without genetic isolation of her descendants from other human groups. "The 'Out of Africa' hypothesis is inconsistent with the properties of the mitochondrial DNA family tree itself, and with the overall pattern of the nuclear DNA data," Professor Templeton says.

"Erroneous inferences were made because of the inadequacy of the analyses, statistical tests, and sampling designs. When these errors are corrected, the Eve hypothesis is left with no supporting genetic evidence," he says.

With Eve banished, the origin of

modern humans seems likely to lie in evolution from our ancestor Homo erectus, who did indeed originate in Africa, but some 1.6 million years ago. Homo erectus had spread into Asia by at least 900,000 years ago and had reached China within half a million years.

Our own subspecies, Homo sapiens, could be as much as 160,000 years old. Whether we emerged from archaic Homo sapiens in North Africa, the Middle East, Asia, or in a broad zone across the Old World is one of the crucial and most exciting cal tests and sampling methods natural selection. Genetic diversity of than 750,000 years ago, not neces- questions facing scientists today.

Vicious and black circle

Depression may lead to the brain becoming more susceptible to it

Robert Post, a research psychiatrist at the US National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland, has shown how the brain can become sensitised to depression. He thinks that depression and manic-depression can produce changes in the brain, leaving a panent sus-ceptible to further attacks.

Clinical depression has become a costly health problem. Every year in Britain several million people suffer some degree of partially disabling depression. In the United States the figure is 15 million. The condition can be life

threatening: depression is almost always a factor in suicide. It has been found that people who commit suicide have abnormally low levels of a chemical 5HIAA in the fluid that bathes the brain and spinal cord. This chemical is linked to the synthesis of serotonin which has a major role in normal brain chemistry.

Dr Post and other researchers have accumulated evidence which shows that once a patient suffers

We have to understand severe episode depression. more about the threshold for the next attack is the regulation lowered. Evenof stress' tually, a patient becomes so sensitised that

periods of depression occur rithout apparent cause. If, as Dr Post believes, the

brain does become sensitised to depression, the implications are significant for treatment of the condition. Doctors would not only have to alleviate symptoms but also prevent patients becoming sensitised.

Dr Post points out that patients can fail to respond to the drug lithium when taken for repeated bouts of depression. He concludes that changes in the brain, which have been detected in experimental work, prevent the once effective drug from working.

Current antidepressant drugs used in treatment are effective in 70 per cent of cases. These drugs work on the chemical messengers which make contact with sites on nerve cells within the brain. But depression seems to involve more than signals passing through networks of nerve cells within the brain.

For this reason, present drugs are far from being a final solution. Scientists in the

development of new drugs is needed. Dr Pedro Delgado of Yale University, at a recent conference on depression, stand the illness and what the medications are doing, we have to understand more about the regulation of stress responses and mood states in normal people."

Many scientists in the field agree with this. Dr Post says we must try to understand depressive and manic behaviour at the level of genes. We must understand how the genes which set in motion the chemistry causing depression are triggered.

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"In laboratory experiments we've found that stress can turn on genes to produce substances that initiate longterm cell alterations," he says. "And repeated stress causes these changes to spread throughout the brain."

How do these structural and chemical changes come about? The answer is probably "stress hormones", which research

indicates are sycreted by most people and animals in response to longterm stress. "The excess secretion of one of these hormones. cortisol," Dr Post says, "is the most robust biological concomi-

tant of depression. It shows up in about 50 per cent of cases, especially severe ones."

So that's the target understanding the basic biology. One idea at present on which much research is focused, is that all forms of depression share the same basic chemical pathway, despite the many causes of the conditions. If this is so, and the chemical pathway can be identified, then new, more effective drugs

could be designed specifically. However, present drugs do not all work chemically in the some way within the brain. This makes some researchers doubtful about the "common chemical pathway" idea for all depression. Research at Yale University supports the view that there may be at least two pathways. But everyone seems to agree that the ultimate treatment can only be developed once depression is understood at the level of genes and the long-term changes in structure and chemistry that the genes can bring about.

A curved mirror in a new design of binoculars means viewers can see twice as much as through conventional ones

ooking through binocu-lars can be tiresome for sports enthusiasts and

spectacle wearers. The former can only see a small slice of the action through binoculars, and they often prefer to peer at a race with a naked eye rather than fail to see peripheral runners.

The latter, have difficulty

focusing through binoculars when wearing their glasses, and so tend to take their spectacles off in order to use the binoculars. According to professor Mike Freeman of Denbigh, Clwyd

the reason for these shortcomings is that binocular design has remained virtually unchanged for 100 years.

"The design needed to be modernised," he said. "So after four years of experimentation, I came up with the idea

Getting the bigger, closer picture



CONVENTIONAL BINOCULARS





Full view: the doubling of the image's breadth with a curved mirror makes it easier to follow fast moving action

light and position the image." This was a new departure from the prisms traditionally used for this purpose, but the mirror has the advantage of significantly widening the

the binoculars to bend the

"Prisms fold light four times - twice vertically and twice horizontally - thereby restricting the field of view," Professor Freeman said. "My mirror only bends the light twice once vertically towards the image, and back again vertically towards the eye. This way the horizontal dimension is unaffected, enabling users to see twice as much as through conventional binoculars. As a result, a doubling of the image's breadth makes it easier to follow fast moving action."

a further advantage. As prisms comfortable to carry.

are heavy, replacing them with mirrors has reduced binoculars' weight by 20 per cent, thereby making them more Speciacle wearers will bene-

Dispensing with prisms has

fit from the design because the eye piece is shorter. This means that there is more space to accommodate the glasses. Users can hold the binoculars in the right place without removing their glasses because they do not have to position these binoculars as close as the conventional ones. Professor Freeman hopes

that this will be the first of a new generation of binoculars to be developed at his company, Optics and Vision, in Clwyd. The sports model will magnify images four to five times their normal size. He expects that it will be followed by a second version designed for omithologists and yachtsmen. That will, magnify images up to ten times their normal size, making bird and boat spotting much easier. **IOLA SMITH**

UPDATE

Trees fail gas test

TREES may not be the answer to global warming. new research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee suggests. After growing 30 saplings for three years in air with raised levels of carbon dioxide, the researchers, led by Dr Richard Norby, found that no more carbon had been captured by the plants. Instead, the trees had responded by producing fewer leaves and increasing their fine root networks. Dr Norby says: "The results clearly cast serious doubts on the proposal that some people have been making that tree growth is going to be spectacularly increased as carbon dioxide increases, essentially forestalling rising carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere and the ensuing

Oil cuts the pain

greenhouse effect."

ARTHRITIS sufferers who take fish oil need fewer painkillers, according to a study by Dr Jill Belch at Ninewells Medical School, Dundee, Earlier studies showed that fish oil as a dietary supplement can result in fewer tender and swollen joints. Dr Belch reports that 60 per cent of rheumatoid arthritis patients taking five to ten grams of fish oil a day for at least three months can reduce or stop their painkillers.

The grey gene

TWO scientists at the Medical Research Council's human genetics unit have discovered the gene that makes a strain of mice go grey. Ruth Johnson and Ian Jackson suggest in the June issue of Nature Genetics that the gene may help to explain cases of premature greying in humans, too. They found an alteration in the gene that makes a protein called tyrosine-related protein-I, whose effect may be to alter the ways cells store the dark wildlife genetics melanin pigment. The same genetic defect may operate in families prone to going grey when young, as well as in the less common condition vitiligo, which lightens dark skins.

New view ENGINEERS are being

asked to put their views on the profession's future in Britain to a working group chaired by the aeronautical engineer Sir James Hamilton. He is gathering opinions about the form of a new umbrella body for engineering originally proposed by Sir John Fairclough, including its scope and its



In the chair: Sir James

relation to existing institutions. Views should be sent to Sir James, c/o the Engineering Council, 10 Maltravers Street, London WC2R 3ER.

Tiny trannie

IBM scientists in New York have produced the world's smallest transistors. The devices are 20 times smaller than any previous transistor. The active areas are a 75,000th of the cross-section of a human hair. The discov ery, the researchers say, should enable more powerful chips to be made, able to store four billion bus of information.

Fast answers

THE US Food and Drugs Administration has approved an Aids test that can give a result in ten minutes and has been more than 99 per cent accurate in clinical trials. The test, developed by Murex Corp. has been passed for use on individuals, can be done in a doctor's office or clinic by people with minimal training and requires no special

Crucial genetic information pooled

Ranchers who move animals from region to region may be threatening the genetic diversity of wildlife

Kenya expands and the populations forces wildlife into isolated islands, the National Museum of Kenya and the Kenya Wildlife Service have embarked on a wildlife genetics programme to preserve the genetic diversity of the country's wild animals.

The programme began when scientists at both organisations realised that the genetic diversity of the country's wildlife was threatened by new management policies that regard animals as an economic resource, and by social pressures that regard them as

Game ranchers are now allowed to raise, kill and sell the meat of species such as zebra, giraffe and gazelle that are not endangered, while human populations increasingly demand that wild animals should be corralled into fenced national parks, to protect their crops and their domestic livestock.

Since both developments will force wildlife managers to increase their manipulation of animal resources, they need crucial genetic information if long-term conservation is to be successful, according to molecular biologist Rashid Aman. the director of the National Museums wildlife genetics

department. In the case of game ranching, animals may be moved about from ranch to ranch to increase or diminish supplies. Wildlife managers need to know if animals from two different regions of the country are separate subspecies, and to

decide if they want to maintain

these subspecies or mix them. Genetic susceptibility and resistance to disease are particu-

larly important. As more wild animals are kept captive inside wildlife parks "we stand to lose our genetic diversity", says Jim Else, deputy director of scientific services at the Kenya Wildlife Service. Managers will need to know the genetic diversity of a population to decide whether it is necess to increase the gene pool by cross-breeding.

So far, the programme is small and has proved controversial. Tissue samples of elephants, wild dogs, cheetahs and several bovid species have been collected, but safari operators have complained about the wildlife service's dart guns used to immobilise the



Under threat? many ranchers believe Kenya's wildlife is solely an economic resource

One elephant expert. Cynthia Moss, said that the noise of the guns had frightened elephants in Amboseli National Park so much that she had not been able to get close

to them for days.
The scale of the task is also daunting, with limited fund-

ing and only two scientists working on the project. Dr Aman is undaunted. His long-term goals include applying reproductive technologies such as embryo transfer and preservation of cells in a genetic bank as an insurance against possible catastrophes.

He also wants to set up regional programmes with countries including South Africa, the only other African country with a developed wildlife genetics

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How to cut out the estate agent Rachel Kelly talks to an advertising

executive who decided to go it alone and sell her Georgian house herself

'I feel I am

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🕇 he blurb is familiar. The brochure is glossy. Only one line alerts the reader to the difference. "Viewing strictly by appointment, please, with the vendor." With the vendor? But what about the agent? The prescient will have already realised:

there isn't one. Ali Large, a glamor-

ous 34-year-old advertising execu-

tive with comflower blue eyes and

masses of dark hair. is selling her house herself. Many will sympathise after the Times report last week on the costs of selling grand houses through grand agents. Mrs Large

was inspired not only by the savings to be had, but the feeling that her Georgian farm-house near Pulborough in West Sussex would appeal more if she took buyers round herself. She has arranged the valuations, brochure, media schedule, press releases and direct-mail programme. Initially, though, she dealt with

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brochure it doesn't carry VAT. And the whole brochure will be devoted to your house rather than being covered in the agent's corporate identity." Mrs Large spent £500 on her brochure, which looks as well as any from an agent

Doubtless her job in advertising helped, but Mrs Large says booking media space is simple. "You will know the papers and maga-zines that are read by the sort of person who might be interested in your house," she says. "You need to

consistent coverage, but do not book immediately in case the house

Local papers will do the produc-tion work for you if you supply photograph and text, but ask local printers to give estimates if you need colour separations for a glossy magazine. "Printers are usually cheaper than the publication." Mrs Large calculates she has saved £1,300 on the cost of the brochure and advertising.

Though it might seem like hard work, Mrs Large says producing a brochure and booking the space took her four days. The real marathon is taking people round. But I found in the past when I have sold houses that I always ended up taking people round myself anyway." Mrs Large says.

Someone will have to be there to receive calls and dispatch brochures. "Remember to take down telephone numbers and addresses, and engage in conversation. It can help establish what sort of buyer

they are and how germine."

The only drawback, Mrs Large says, is security. "But you have that worry with agents anyway because you end up taking people round, and the horehura can alert recode. and the brochure can alert people to what's in the house," she says. She suggests screening buyers as much as possible before they come and asking a friend to be present if you are still nervous.

Three weeks into her marketing campaign, Mrs Large has had ten people visit her house, four twice, but no offers. She has dispatched 40 brochures after her advertisement appeared in a recent issue of a

magazine. "I don't yet know if this will work, but I feel I am learning all the time about how to sell the house. If people don't follow up their original enquiries, I try to find out why. as perhaps it's something I can change, and I can be more sensitive with adjusting the valuation if need

Few will have Mrs Large's energy or enthusiasm. Others will be dissuaded by the inadequacies of Mrs Large's system: her lack of an office network to process enquiries or mailing list to help with direct marketing, or simple knowledge of the property market, for all her bravura.

But the irrepressible Mrs Large counters: "Some agents may be willing to operate on a finder's fee basis so you could use their mailing list for your own brochure and agree a reduced finder's fee on any

enquiries coming through the list. If all fails, Mrs Large feels she has lost nothing. She would have had to pay for the advertising and the brochure, anyway. She can always turn to an agent as a second resort. And she plans to write a pamphlet on the joys of selling a property yourself.

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Room for growth in hotel market

try, which suffered badly in 1991, is showing signs of recovery, according to a report by the management consultants Pannell Kerr Forster Asso-ciates in a survey of 248 hotels in 25 European cities.

Last year, the global recession and the lingering effects of the Gulf war brought a sharp fall in occu-pancy levels, from 70.9 per cent in 1990 to 62.8 per cent, the lowest recorded since the survey began in 1987. Only Birmingham and War-

saw showed a slight improvement.
The view that 1991 was an aberration is confirmed by Frank Croston, director of Pannell Kerr Forster, who sees "early signs that most cities appear to be experiencing a recovery in 1992".

Eurocity Survey 1992", sponsored by the investment bank Salomon Brothers and the interna-tional property advisers Jones Lang Wootton, shows that despite an 11.5 per cent decrease in occupancy compared with 1990, Berlin retained its top position in occupancy levels with 73.2 per cent. Only seven cities were able to achieve an

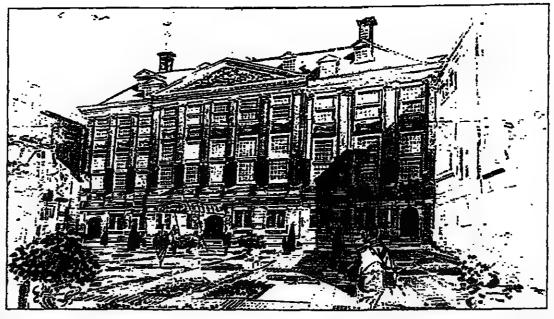
them, Berlin, Budapest, Prague and Warsaw benefited in particular from political transformations.

In room revenue yield, the most important determinant of performance. Paris ranked as the most profitable city, achieving £79. London slipped from second to fourth position, as room revenue fell from £78 to £65. Paris remains the most expensive city for full rate paying customers at £156 for a single room, followed by London at £135. London's room occupancy went down from 74.2 per cent in 1990 to 64.7 per cent last year.

Kay Dymock, partner of Jones Lang Wootton International Hotels, commented that although few capital transactions had been seen in 1992, the market had become more active through the emerging trend towards lease operating agreements and performance-related management contracts, which limit the owners' risk but provide representation to the operators with minimal financial outlay. "Leasing is growing in popularity across Europe as operators find it more difficult to fund new development balancing risk and reward."

Jones Lang Wootton recently completed advising BAA Hotels on the leasing of three hotels in the United Kingdom. The 474-bed-room Gatwick Sterling Hotel has been leased to Forte pic to operate under the Crest banner, the 397bedroom Heathrow Sterling Hotel has been leased to Hilton International to fill a gap in its international network and the 249-room Stansted Harlequin Hotel, at present the only hotel at Stansted Airport, has also been leased to Hilton International, to be operated as a Hilton National.

Jones Lang Wootton says London continues to be a prime location for international-quality hotel chains presently unrepresent-ed. "It is still highly probable that there remains a small number of investors prepared to invest in well-located, good-quality London property." Japanese investment has fallen and there is virtually no new investment from Sweden, but German, Dutch and Italian institutions are beginning to look outside



Dutch touch: the Grand Hotel, Amsterdam, a former town hall, sold by BAA Hotels to the French Compagnie Internationale Phoenix Hotels through Jones Lang Wootton, opened last month

Pannell Kerr Forster is cautiously optimistic, commenting that London remains a key tourist destination, although the volume of visitors depends on factors such as international recession and ex-

During 1991, there was a weak-ening of the dollar against sterling. a war and a recession in the United States, all of which contributed to a decline in North American visitors to Britain. "London is an enduring

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The agency Christie & Co has noticed an upturn in interest since the general election. Its London hotels department reports that con-

tracts have been exchanged on two hotels and 13 offers received on other hotels in Greater London. Gerald Nolan, London corporate hotels director, said: "Hotels are now proving to be good investments because prices are more competitive than they have been for a long time."

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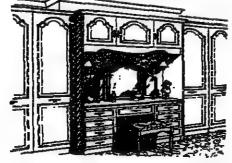
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w equitable principles estab-ned by the authorities required at creditors who took from arried women security for their ishand's debts took reasonable ips to see that the wives undernod the transactions they were sering into.

The Court of Appeal so stated in owing an appeal by Mrs Bridget ary O'Brien from a decision of dge Marder, QC, on July 30, 190, at Isleworth Crown Court anting the plaintiffs possession a house at No 151 Farnham me. Slough, jointly owned by s O'Brien and her husband. The Court of Appeal held that ejudgment was only enforceable as Mrs O'Brien to the extent to0,000 and that, that amount wing being recovered by the amulis in the course of the

nceedings below, that security guid be treated as having been Mr Simon Buckhaven for Mrs Brien: Mr Philip Goodenday for

LORD JUSTICE SCOTT said at the appeal raised yet again a phiem that had been before the runt of Appeal on a number of rasions over the last ten years. $i O_{n!}$ it arose where a debtor was tour quired by a creditor to provide Aproachite; we preed that the security would be wided by some third party; the if life but our lationship between the debtor n. Our mens nd the third party, typically ishand and wife, made it likely of the long with exellent at the assistance would be forth valperto i. 115 ng: the debtor secured the and party's consent by some merial misrepresentation or by a In return ton secure place in ering undue influence or pres-ne: the third party signed without ny independent advice and with-ut any explanation from the marantes of a 5. Please call editor of the true effect of the ocuments: the third party subquently contended that he or she s induced to sign by the debsor's raterial misrepresentation, or did

or property understand the im-an of the documents, or that his her consent was not a true insent having regard to the emps ifinewe or pressure exerted.

After a full review of the authories, in which his Lordship drew a issinction between one line of uses such as Turnbull v Duval 1902] AC 429), Chaplin & Co td v Brammall (1908) 1 KB 33). Avon Finance Co Ltd v ridger (11985) 2 All ER 281). St. Worn for ings North Trust Ltd v Bell 1986 1 WLR 119) and Barclays ank Ltd v Kennedy (unreported, A. November 10, 1988) as toviding support for the position hereby equity had in the past

derly than other third parties who provided security for the debts of others, and another line including Coldunnell v Gallon (1986) QB 1184). Perry v Midland Bank of (1987) Fin LR 237). Bank of Baroda v Shah (1988) 3 All ER 24) and BCCT v Aboody (1990) 1 QB 923), which represented another road which would treat the special protection previously afforded by equity to married women who provided security for their husband's debts as now only

of historical interest, his Lordship would prefer the former road. None of the modern cases had overruled the mainly earlier authorities. None had explicitly stated that married women who provided security for their hus-band's debts were in no different position from other sureties. It was unsatisfactory that a long line of authority should be treated as overruled sub silentio.

Each case within the protected class had to depend on its own facts. But a clear written recommendation to the surety to take independent advice before signing the security document was advisable in most cases. It was inadvisable for the sec-

urity document to be sent to the

surety for signature unless accompanied by a recommenda-

Regina v Gough (Robert)

Before Lord Justice Farquharson. Mr Justice Alliott and Mr Justice

tion to that effect.

Judgment May 22]

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entrust the security document to the debtor with a view to the debtor obtaining the surety's signature. If the surery was invited to sign the security document in the creditor's offices, the creditor

should, before signature, explain its nature and effect to the surety. The background to all of that was knowledge on the part of the creditor that security was being taken from the surety for the benefit of the debtor and that the surety was a person who was likely to be influenced by and to have some degree of reliance on the

in those circumstances the creditor should be seeking to ensure that unfair advantage was not taken of the surety. If, however, a creditor had taken reasonable steps, such as advising the surety to take independent advice, or if the surety declined to do so, offering a fair explanation of the security document before signature, there was no reason why equity should

In a case of the class that had been considered, the creditor would often find himself in a position of having to explain the security transaction to the pro-posed surety if an unimpeachable security was to be obtained. The creditor should not in so doing be

taken to assumed a duty of care. If the surety was a customer, or if the priate for the creditor simply to creditor assumed the role of advisor, it might be that the creditor would be found to have owed a contractual or tortious duty of care to the surety.

> But if there was no more than that, the creditor, in an attempt to satisfy himself that the surety properly understood the proposed transaction and that the transaction would not subsequently be impeachable, offered an explanation, he should not be taken to have assumed a duty of care. In the present case, the bank

had, in the event, left it entirely to Mr O'Brien to explain the transaction to his wife and to procure her consent to it. She misunder-stood the effect of the transaction. Her misunderstanding derived from her husband's misrepresentation. He was not the But the equitable principles

established by the authorities required that creditors who took from married women security for their husband's debts took reasonable steps to see that they under-stand the transactions. That the bank had failed to do. Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and

Lord Justice Purchas agreed. Solicitors: Stops & Burton, Daventry; Harry I. Alkin & Co.

Prisoner entitled to all facts

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another. Ex parte Georghiades

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice May Judgment May 21]

Where a prisoner had had his parole licence revoked and the Home Secretary had given reasons for his recall in accordance with section 62(3) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, if the case was unusual and there were facts to be put before the Parole Board such as might, or might be thought likely to militate against a recommendation by the board for the prisoner's immediate release, justice and fairness required that he should be informed of those facts ntly to enable him to meet them in his representations to the

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment allowing the application inter alia, certiorari, to qua the decision of the board on March 2. 1992. refusing to order the immediate release of Spyros Georghiades on licence.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the applicant: Mr Stephen Richards for the secretary of state and the

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant was sen-tenced in May 1975 to three and a half years imprisonment for conspiracy to contravene the Imration Act 1971.

He was released on parole icence in May 1976, to expire in May 1977, a condition of the ficence being that he keep in touch with his probation officer in accordance with that officer's instruc tions and that he inform him of

any change of address. In August 1976 the officer reported that the applicant had left country and after the matter had been referred to it by the Home Office, the Parole Board recommended revocation of his licence. The secretary of state so ordered in October. The police were asked to put his name on the wanted index and to arrest and return him to prison.

The applicant returned to the United Kingdom in August 1990 and there was no suggestion that he returned other than openly. He became the manager of a smooker club in Birmingham where, following a murder there in February 1992, he made a witness tatement to the police.

A routine check revealed that he

was wanted and he was arrested on the authority of the secretary of me's recall of 1976. The reasons given to him for the revocation of his licence included keeping in touch with the proba-tion officer and the circumstances

of his 1975 offence. The applicant was interviewed by a member of the board's local review committee who made a report and, when the matter was referred to the board, that report amounted to the applicant's written representations to the board that he should be immediately

Included in the dossier of information relating to the ap-plicant before the board was material, dating from 1976 and 1977, that he was wanted for interview by the police in 1976 for serious offences including conspiracy to rob. that the trial of two men was due to take place in 1977 for the armed robbery and reference to possible extradition proceedings against the applicant who was reportedly living with his family in

His Lordship said that the board was informed by the police that in February 1992 there was no outstanding for the apwarran plicant's arrest nor any trace of an extradition order and it was as lain as could be, therefore, that by 1992 there was no question of the applicant being wanted for armed robbery or any other offence dating back to 1976.

Mr Fitzgerald said that it was inconceivable that such material would not make a difference to the board's deliberations, but further-

risk of prejudice from such material was sufficient see Kanda v Government of Malaya [1962] AC 322, 337).

Mr Richards contended, inter alia, that where the reasons for recall were given and the applicant was provided with an opportunity to make his representations on them, non-disclosure of other maperial that happened to be in the board's dossier could not be said to cause injustice.

His Lordship said that when the applicant's licence was revoked in 1976 and he was recalled under section 62(1) he had not been given reasons since he was not then arrested. Upon his arrest in 1992, section 62(3) became operative and he had to be informed of the reasons for his recall. Mr Fizzgerald was plainly cor-

rect in that reasons under section 62(3) were in fairness the operative reasons for the applicant's recall such as might militate against a recommendation by the board for his immediate release and that led to the conclusion that what had to be given were 1992 reasons and not 1976 reasons so as to enable the applicant to know the case he

In most cases the secretary of state's operative reasons for recall and reasons such as might militate against a recommendation by the board for the prisoner's immediate release would be co-extensive, so that the prisoner would know the case he had to meet

In the present case, the reasons for recall given in 1992, namely that the applicant had gone abroad without permission and giving an address so that he was out of touch with his probation officer were adequately expressed and the representations he made confirmed that he understood the case he had to meet in that respect.

The important qualification was the material from 1976 that the police wanted to interview the applicant in relation to other serious offences which material unknown to him, was to go before the board.

Justice, or at any rate the appearance of justice, required on the facts of the case that he should have been informed that the board would have that material before is so that he had the opportunity to make representations. It was not for the court to enquire whether that material worked to the ap-

While the court would not order the board to reconsider its recommendation, it might well think that it should, and expeditiously. having given the applicant the opportunity to make fresh representations on the basis of the full disclosure which the court understood had now been made. Solicitors: Edge & Ellison Calow

Plea to lesser charge can be accepted without empanelling a jury

Regina v O'Brien (David) Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Schiemann and Mrs Justice Ebsworth

[Judgment May 21] Where a defendant was indicted with an offence of violent disorder under section 2 or affray under section 3 of the Public Order Act

1986, he was at liberty to plead guilty to a lesser offence, under section 4 for example, without it ing necessary to empanel a jury. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by David John O'Brien

against his conviction on April 15, 1991 at Sheffield Crown Court (Mr Recorder Altman) of threatening behaviour. Mr John Hillis, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for

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LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL giving the judgment of the court, said that apparently in crown courts up and down the country practices varied as to the procedure to be adopted when the defendant was indicted with an offence of violent disorder under section 2 or affray under section 3 of the 1986 Act and having pleaded not guilty to either of those offences wished to confess to a lesser offence under

Some judges and recorders had taken the view that, having regard to section 7(3) of the 1986 Act, it was impossible for the court to accept a plea to the lesser offence without empanelling a jury, directng them to acquit of the section 2 or 3 offence and thereafter inviting them to return a verdict of guilty

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6(1)(b) of the Criminal Law Act 1967 which dealt with arraign-ment and pleas as opposed to the trial process and made it clear that upon arraignment, the defendant was at liberty to plead guilty to any found guilty on that indictment.

The court was glad that such a conclusion could properly be reached because to do otherwise would involve a great deal of unnecessary time and expense. Solicitors: CPS, Sheffield.

Correction

In R v Popple: R v Smith: R Walker (The Times May 21) the sentence appeals were allowed to the excent that Popple's was cut from 10 years to eight. Smith's from 14 to 12 and Walker's from seven to six because the judge had falled to give a discount for pleas of

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appellant was sentenced David Gough started shouting and a juror recognised him as her nextdoor neighbour.

In cases of possible bias the correct test to apply if the matter con-cerned a juror was whether there was a real danger that the accused might not have had a fair trial.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal
Division, so held in dismissing an
appeal by Robert Brian Gough
against his conviction in April
1991 at Liverpool Crown Court
fludge Lynch and a jury of iJudge Lynch and a jury) of conspiracy to rob.

Mr Benet Hymer, QC and Mr David Boulton, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant, Mr Andrew G. Moran and Mr Andrew Downie for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE FAR-QUHARSON, giving the judg-ment of the court, said that the appellant had been indicted on a

At the committal proceedings, the ground that there was induring the crown court proceed-ings and attended the trial. After

Correct test for jury bias

the judge who decided, rightly, that he had no juristicion to take any action. The juror made a statement, verified by affidavit, to the effect that she had no recollection of ever having seen the appellant before the trial and had no idea he was the brother of her

On the question of bias, there were two conflicting lines of authority as to the proper test to apply. According to the first line of authority, approved by the House of Lords in R v Spencer [1987] AC 128), the correct test posed the following question: "Was there a real danger that the accused may not have had a fair trial?"

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But it was argued on behalf of the appellant that the proper test

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It was difficult to discover any basis upon which those two lines of

David Gough was discharged on ufficient evidence against him. David Gough was referred to

That matter was placed before

was that applied in R v Liverpool City Justices, Ex parte Topping [1983] 1 WLR 119): "Would a reasonable and fair minded person sitting in court and knowing all the relevant facts have a reasonable suspicion that a fair trial for the applicant was not

authority could live together. Counsel for the Crown submited that a distinction could be

drawn between the test to be applied in jury cases and that which was appropriate for magistrates courts or other inferior tribunals entrusted with fact-find-ing generalisticity. Their Lordships felt they had to accept that distinction because there was no other way of reconcil-

ing most of the authorities, al-though it was difficult to understand why the test of bias should be any different in considering the position of a magistrate compared with that of a juror. The only case which could not be fitted into that dichotomy was $R \nu$ Morris (1991) Crim LR 385) in which the Topping test was applied to the position of a juror. Having regard to the decision of the House of Lords in Spencer, Morris should not be followed to the extent that it applied the Topping test to trials on interest.

The proper test in the instant case was therefore the "real danger" one and applying that test the Solicitor: CPS, Merseyside.

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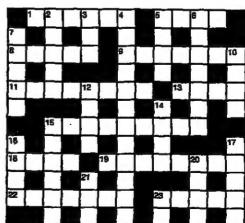
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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) 6.30 Regional news magazines (96). Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r).

7.00 Wogan. Terry's guests include Ivana Trump and Patti Davis (4609)



Inventive designs: Judith Hann, the Prince of Wales (7.30pm)

7.30 Tomorrow's World: the Prince of Wales Award for Innovation. From Highgrove House, the Prince of Wales introdu the inventions competing for this year's award and examines the success of past winners. There is also an award for the best product resulting from a university working in collaboration with industry. With Judith Hann, Howard Stableford, Kate Bellingham and Carmen Pryce. (Ceefax) (s) (80)

8.00 Lovejoy: Montezuma's Revenge. Dodgy antiques dealer lan McShane acquires an ancient Mayan statue (r). (Ceefax) (169338) 8.50 Points of View, presented by Anne Robinson (s) (678770) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (9883) 9.30 Inside Story: Seeing Red
 CHOICE: London buses may carry more people in a day than all the world's scheduled airlines but the job is fast losing its appeal. Christopher Terriff takes his camera to the Westbourne Park garage, the capital's biggest, just as John Major is announcing the date of the general election. The timing is significant. One of the big grumbles among bus crews is that Tory privatisation plans will mean redundancies, higher fares and the end of the familiar red London bus. Other complaints are the strain of coping with traffic congestion, physical and verbal assaults from passengers, bomb alerts and low pay. Terrill has assembled a strongly flavoured cast. The star is Shirley Crossland, a 27-year-old northerner determined

to stand no nonsense: "if the punters have a go at me, I will have a go back." This is hardly a recruiting film. (Ceefax) (s) (598048)

10.20 International Match of the Day. Bob Wilson introduces highlights from Helsinki of the match between England and Finland and, from Oslo, of Norway v Scotland (905574)

11.15 Film: Carry On England (1976). Comic mayhem from the Carry On team in this their 28th film. Kenneth Connor stars as the commanding officer of a wartime anti-aircraft battery, who feebly attempts to keep the men and women apart. With Joan Sins, Windsor Davies and Patrick Mower. Directed by Gerald Thomas. (Ceefax) (464067) 12.45am Weather (1641384)

BBC2 6.45 Open University: Data Models — Relational Concepts (9679593).

Ends at 7.10 8.00 Breakfast News (1612338) 8.15 Westminster (6107574) 9.00 Reviving Antiques. How to remove chewing gum from a rug (r). (Ceetax) (1010222)

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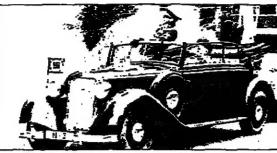
5.10 Horizon: Dodging Domesday. As a prelude to the Earth Summit, Bettina Lerner's film explores the population explosion and its possible consequences (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8396609)

6.00 Film: Tarzan's Three Challenges (1963). Jock Mahoney returns as Tarzan and travels to south-east Asia to rescue a boy king who is in danger. Directed by Robert Day (41002970). Wales: International Soccer. Argentina v Wales

7.35 Birthrights: And Still I Rise. The first of six films examining culture and identity from a variety of black perspectives. This programme

and identity from a variety of black perspectives. This programme asks whether black women are more sensual and less inhibited than

white women. (Ceefax) (650390) 8.05 Dance House. Anthony Minghella of Truly Madly Deeply directs his first dance film. Filmed on a windswept Norfolk beach, it is a dramatic duet choreographed by Carolyn Choa (410777)



Dramatic reconstruction: the plot to kill Heydrich (8.10pm)

8.10 Timewatch: SS-3 — the Assassination of Reinhard Heydrich CHOICE: With his shifty eyes and strangler's hands, Reinhard Heydrich was odious even by the standards of the Nazi hierarchy. He joined the SS even before Hitler came to power and in 1941 was sent to Prague as "protector" of the Czechoslovak puppet state. He pushed through a ruthless programme of Germanisation, involving mass arrests, deportations and executions. In May 1942 he was waylaid and assassinated by two members of the Czech brigade who had been trained in England. But the reprisals were so savage that people must have wondered whether the killing was worth it. This matter is not raised in an otherwise admirable documentary. which uses dramatic reconstruction, archive film and a commentary by Dr Callum MacDonald of Warwick University. Half a century on, it is still a chilling story (156864)

9.00 M*A*5*H: Trick or Treatment. The medics relate eerie stories on

Hallowe'en (r) (838406) 9,25 Edge of Darkness: Fusion. Bob Peck stars in the final episode of

Troy Kennedy Martin's environmental thniler (r). (Ceefax) (754241) 10.20 10 x 10: Paradise Fish Bar. Tamsen Carter's tragi-comic short about a young girl coming to terms with her sexuality. With Tania Lawson-Johnston (489609)

10.30 Newsnight, with Jeremy Paxman and Francine Stock (701970) 11.15 The Late Show. The arts and media magazine talks to the author Toni Morrison (s) (488777) 11.55 Weather (576241)

12.00 Open University. End of an Empire — the Re-fashioning of Literature (85810). Ends at 12.30am

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6,00 TV-am (1131715) 9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword quiz game show (6790222) 9.55 Thames News (14273:9)

10.00 Out of This World, American comedy series (r) (78796) 10.30 This Morning, Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan meet the actress Shela Harcock, Including at 10.55 ITN News, and at 11.55 Thames News (48683864)

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Follow Your Nose. Young people put their physical and mental skills to the test at Boreatton Park activity centre in Shropshire (4790357) 4.50 Scooby Doo. Cartoon (r) (4763777)
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Authentic portrait of a teenage mother. Kate Hardie (8.00pm)

O CHOICE: Kate Hardie plays a 16-year-old who gets pregnant and tries to abandon the baby in a sombre tale by Lucy Gannon. The girl's imputsive affair with a passing stranger is explained as an escape from a bullying father (James Hazeldene) and supine mother (Linda Bassett), a dead-end job in a food processing factory and possibly the dispiriting effect of a mournful fenland landscape. The subject is treated with a commendable integrity and lack of sensationalism, although Alan Horrox, the director, maintains a slowish tempo and there is a lack of dramatic energy. Acting sever years younger than her real age, Hardie offers a convincing portrait of the troubled teenager who finds herself over-protected by her parents and trying to stake out her own personality. A telephone heipline will be available after the programme. (Oracle) (1609) 10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville, and Alastair Stewart in Rio de

Janeiro. (Oracle) Weather (98767) 10.30 Thames News (355390) 10.40 Film: Damien — Omen II (1978). William Holden stars in the second film in the ingenious horror trilogy about the anti-Christ. Damien (Ionathan Scott-Taylor) is now a moody and arrogant teenager. He discovers his true identity while attending a military academy and concocts a scheme for world domination. Directed by Don Taylor (15284574)

12.40am Film: Casanova's Big Night (1954). Bob Hope and Joan Fortaine star in this agreeable musical comedy about a tailor's apprentice who pretends to be Casanova. With Basil Rathbone, John Carradine, Raymond Burr and Lon Chaney Jr. Directed by Norman Z McLeod (770177)

2.15 Hollywood Report. Film gossp (53891)
2.45 America's Top Ten (s) (52162)
3.15 Videofashion. The latest styles from New York, including creations from Issac Mizzahi and Randolph Duke (24633346)
3.40 America's Top Ten

3.40 Quiz Night. Pub and club quiz game (21659297)
4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville (s) (33476297)

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4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage news clips (58843704)
5.00 Three's Company: Borrowing Trouble, American comedy series starring John Ritter (59568)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (80365). Ends at 6.00

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2.00 Channel 4 Racing: Derby Day from Epsom, introduce Brough Scott Before today's coverage of the Ever Ready Derby Queen opens the new grandstand named in her honour. O Silver Seal Woodcote Stakes, (2.45) Diomed Stakes; (3.45)
Ready Derby, (4.35) Night Rider Stakes (52/2947)
5.00 Fifteen to One, Fast-paced general knowledge quiz (s) (739)
5.30 Edward's Flying Boat. Documentary about the distillation attempt of Edward Histori to make asworthy a second world Sunderland Flying Boat (f) (41)
6.00 Kate and Allies Comedy with the American divorces (54)
6.30 The Best of the Woord. Highlights of the recent series, including and music from his People (s) (26)
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Ion Snow (Teletext) Weg (895680)
7.50 Party Political Comment by the Labour party (988654)
8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) Weg (895680)
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8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) Weg Tina lenkins and Mike Embley (s) (5574)
9.00 Dispatches. The current affairs programme investigate Queen's personal wealth, the legislation affecting the household and the palace's relationship with individual governor departments (940834)
9.45 Plasticine People: Late Edition/Creature Comforts animation series visits the editorial office of a daily pulsage followed by the Oscar-winning film by Aardman Atimes

animation series visits the editional office of a daily publicate followed by the Oscar-winning film by Aardman Animal directed by Nick Park (r) (806067)

10.00 The Golden Girls Award-winning comedy with the four young



Couch potatoes: the twenty-something flat-sharers (1936)

10.30 Bunch of Five: Dead at Thirty

• CHOICE: Some of television's best sitcoms, including Stapper Son and Porridge, began as pilots so there is an enturing precedent for this series of five comedy one-offs hoping to expanded into a series. They have been chosen for "impart diversity and breadth of comic and dramatic styles", althoughts not very apparent in tonight's offering by Charlie Higson and Whitehouse. The "situation" is the not very novel one of a twentysomethings, three male, one female, sharing a flat Their derive mainly from the group's internal bickerings, supplement whatever laughs can be squeezed out of visitors such as a plun a boylinend and an all-girl band. All of this may strike a chord real flat-sharers, although on the early evidence Dead at Thinys a classic in the making (s) (12067)

11.00 Channel 4 Racing. Today's Ever Ready Derby from Epsom (98) 11.15 4-Play: A Fair and Easy Passage, by Jenny Oiski. Hetty is educated and wealthy, but she is dying of cancer (r) (610319) 12.30am Fin de Siècle: Islam — Challenge to the West? Profession. Mazrur, of the State University of New York, argues that in the century, Islam will challenge the West's cultural and eone domination (2828181). Ends at 1.10

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SKY ONE

e Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00em The DJ Kat Show (1913/1425) 8.40 Mrs Perperpot (1883574) 8.55 Lamb Chops Plays-Long (8835222) 11.00 Lets Make a Deal (35280) 10.30 The Bold and the Beaunful (35932) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (34864) 12.00 St Biswhera. Down's Syndrome (71222) 1.00pm E Street (38680) 1.30 Geraldo (69350) 2.30 Another World (627932) 5.00 Facts Of Life: The Summer of 744 (7715) 5.30 Diffrent Sprokes: The Squatter (8932) 6.00 Love at First Sight (5845) 6.30 E Street (9425) 7.00 Aft; Love on the Rocks (7951) 7.30 Candid Carrera (5609) (5845) 6.30 E Street (9425) 7.00 Aft; Love on the Rocks (7951) 7.30 Candid Camera (5609) 8.00 Battlestar Galactica. Experiment in Terra, soence fiction adventine (21241) 9.00 Chances (18777) 10.00 Studs (50241) 9.00 Doctor, Doctor. Pediatriks (36661) 11.00 Tattinger's, Nat. Tattinger is the popular New York, restaurateur (55357) 12.00 Pages From Skytent (6291452)

SKY MOVIES+

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.00art Showcase (3965951)
 10.00 Friendship in Vienna (1988): Two girls find they friendship threatened (63203)

SKY NEWS

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. Via thin Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
6.00am Summer (2766405) 9.30 Nightline (97661) 10.30 Fashion TV (95715) 11.30 Japan Busness Today (4984883) 11.45 Immenational Business Report (1828777) 12.30pm Good Morning America (66203) 1.30 Good Morning America (67932) 2.30 Parkament Live (795260) 3.15 Parliament Live (795260) 3.15 Parliament Live (2064086) 4.30 Fashion TV (5222) 5.00 Live at Five (60425) 6.30 Newsime (67135) 8.30 Fashion TV (1999) 10.30 Newsime (79735) 8.30 Fashion TV (16999) 10.30 Newstine (69357) 11.30 ABC News (38999) 12.30am Newstine (69520) 1.30 ABC News (49075) 2.30 Beyond 2000 (47278) 3.39 ABC News (42723) 4.30 Beyond 2000 (15723) 3.00 Sunrise (79346) 5.30 Newstine (26181)

12.00 Do Me a Favour, Don't Vote for Mom (1979); A boy trys to stop his mother's campaign for political office (66390)
1.00gen American Eyes (1989); The troubles of a forcean tecnegor (82393)
2.00 Mountain Family Robinson (1979); A lamily living in the wilderness (66636)
4.00 The Moontainers (1974); Fast moving action comedy (1154)
6.00 Friendship in Vienna (1983); as 10.00am (20608241)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (467390) rt Tonight (467390) 7.40 Entertainment Tonight (467390) 8.00 Dead Run (1991): Tense thrifer about a wife who witnesses a murder (27425) 10.00 Once Upon a Time in America (1984): Gangster thrifer (42167086) 1.45am Evil Senses (1967): A professoral Adam but seroes (1967: A professors) killer is pursued by gangsters (36956574) 4.00 Howard Seach: Making the Case for Murder (1989): Drama starring Daviel 1. Travanti (123029). Ends at 5.40am

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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8.05ars Right Birds (1930): Thiller about the chiefs of Scotland Yard (87218222)
7.50 Baber: The Movie (1989). (6074999)
9.15 The Diany of Anne Frank (1959): The story of the fare of a young gri (43202222)
12.15 MacGyver: The Legend of the Holy Rose (1990): Action adventure (262680)
2.15 Columbic: Murder in Mailbu (1990): Starring Peter Falk (362999)
4.05 Time Fighters in the Land of Fantasy: Children's adventure (84956864)
5.50 Spotlight (892116)
6.15 BL. Stryker: Winner Takes All (1990): Burt Reynolds stars as a private eye (158048)
8.15 Honey, (Shrunk the Kids (1983): An inventor shrinks his children (6076965)
10.05 Might of the Cyclorie (1990): Tropical thiller starring Kris Kristofferson (295845)
11.40 The Lady in White (1988): A boy spends Hallowe'en in a closet (636834)
1.35 Full Moon in Blue Water (1988): Drama starring Gene Hactman (917568)
3.10 Night Life (1989): Vargure corriedy set in Mexico (7819164): Ends at 4.40
THE COMEDY CHANNEL

THE COMEDY CHANNEL Vis the Astra satalite.
 4.00pm Mr Ed (3048) 4.30 Punky Brewster (2932) 5.00 Green Acres (9357) 5.30 The New Leeve 4 to Beaver (5512, 5.00 Mr Belvedere (3425) 6.30 Three's Company (4777) 7.00 F Troop (9593) 7.30 McHale's Navy (3661) 8.00 Doctor, Doctor (8241) 8.30 Working it, Out (4048) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (66864) 9.30 Mr Belvedere (46661) 10.00 Compan and Wornack (15203) 10.30 McHale's Navy (24951)

SKY SPORTS

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.30am Morning Swetch (56512) 7,00 NH.

ice Hockey (91898) 8.00 American Sports Cavalcade (41357) 9.00 Moreing Stretch (9488) 9.30 The Footballer's Football Show (50661) 11.30 Morning Stretch (10661) 12.00pas French Open Tenns (8104796) 4.30 Football (283512) 7.00 Football (95715) 9.00 Football (64970) 11.00 Football (95999) 12.00 The Game Of Billions (37334) 1.00-3.00em Australian Rugby League (76348) EUROSPORT

O Visi the Astra satellite. B. Dasm Tennis: Roland Ganos French Open (39154) 9.30 Olympics — Road To Barcelona (13319) 10.00 Eurogoals (89338) 11.00 Tennis: Roland Gamos French Open (3508203) 7.00pm Athletics (AAF Meeting: Vancouver, Canada (30883) 8.30 News (4406) 9.00 Eurotop Event: Grand Pix Monte Carto (66338) 11.00 Tennis: Roland Gamos French Open (305970) 11.45 News (59905) SCREENSPORT '

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7.00am Eurobics (77593) 7.30 Spanish Football Highlights (96628) 8.00 Longitude (84319) 8.30 Resketball (94154) 9.30 Go — Motorsport (62999) 10.30 Eurobics (96154) 11.00 Snocker (88593) 1.00pm French Rugby Lesque (18864) 2.00 Eurobics (8609) 2.30 Boxing (25715) 4.00 Bask ethall (31154) 5.00 Superbike (2661) 5.30 Powersports (81154) 6.30 Showjumping (58338) 7.30 Rallycross 1992 (73883) 8.30 Global Adventure (6280) 9.00 IAAF Grand Prut (38067) 10.30 Geoff (553970) 10.45 Rebook Marathon (493203) 11.45 Dunlop Rover GTI Championship (810661) 12.15am Spanight Footbal Highlights (302839) 12.45 Powersports (169346) 1.45 Basketball (79705704)

LIFESTYLE

Via the Astra satelline.
 10.00am Getting Rt (30574) 10.30 American Gameshow 10.55 The Rich and Famous (8947864) 11.20 What's New (1860048) 11.25 Search for Tomorrow (8811932) 11.55 Sally Jessy Raphael (5277222) 12.45pm Lunchbox (653203) 1.15 Joan Rivers Show (3420609) 2.05 Rafferty's Rules (1895574) 3.05 Sell-a-Vison (4652512) 3.30 Cover Story (5241)-4.00 Tea Break (5878390) 4.10 Dick Van Dyke Show (3385715) 4.40 American Gameshow (5556932) 5.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (7357) 5.30 Seb-a-Vison (4512) 6.00 Remmigtion Steele (237957 7.00 Sell-a-Vison (987066) 10.00 Judebox Music Videos (6729338) 2.00-3.00am Last Jukebox Dance (27704)

CNN

Via the Astra satellite.
 Twenty-four hour news bulletins

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00em Bruno Brookes
(FM only) 5.00 Smon Mayo 9.00 Nicky
Campbell 12.30pm Newsystest 12.45 Jakk
Brambles 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 6.00 Neale James' Nega Hip 5.30 News 92 7.00
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into the Night 12.00-4.00em Bob Harrs (FM only)

PM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show
6.15am Pause for Thought 6.30 Bran Hayes
Good Morrang UK 9.15 Pause for Thought
9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John
Dunn 7.30 The Houghton Weavers, with guest Jim Bowen (1 of 6) 7.30 Country Tales: The
Black Country 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on.2 9.00 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertaint 9.43
The Best of English: "Tlong at the Windmid (r) 10.00 Cosmotheka's Comedy Songbook 10.30
The Jamesons 12.05am Jazz at the Cafe 12.35 Bill Rennells, with Night Ride 3.00-4.00am A
Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and Sport on the hour until 7,00pm.
6,00am World Service: Newshour 6,30 Danny
Baker's Morning Educin 9,00 For Schools:
Topic Resources 7-9; 9,15 Dance Workshop, 9,35 Verse Universe; 9,45 Time and Turne; 10,05
Diarna Workshop 10,25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10,40 Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative 12,30pm
fictionation Matters 1,00 News Update 1,15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (n) 1,30 it's Derby Day, with John
riverdale 4,45 International Football: Rinland 9, Fingland 6,45 The Liftle House in the Bigwood
(3 of 5) 7,00 International Football: Norway v Scotland 9,00 Sporting Albums: Garth Crooks
talls: to Dickie Bird 9,30 House of Stars 10,10 Hrt the North ind 11,00 Sport 12,00-12,10em
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WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST, 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45 Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.20 Tips für Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 News and Press Review in German 5.00 Mord News 5.00 Londress Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News About Britain 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Mendain 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 Development 99,900 World News 9.09 Words Of Fath 9.15 Objects Of Desire 9.30 Ned Shemm's Counterpoint 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report live 18.75 Country Style 10.30 World News 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Business Update Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm Mendain 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 The Olympians 1.45 Sports Roundup Z.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 3.05 Outlook line 3.30 Off The Shelf: Five Short Stones 3.45 Sportsworld — Derby Conveage 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Sort 6.14 Look Ahead 6.20 World Business Report 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuel 7.00 German Isatures 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Touright 9.00 World News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 World Of Faith 9.30 Assignment 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Sports International 11.85 Sports Sports Roundup Midnight World News 2.05 Sem World Business Report 12.15 From Our Own Correspondent 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Sex, Use And Ausfortape 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Wareguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 The Farming World 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sports International 4.00 World News 4.09 World O' Faith 4.15 Sports Roundup

VARIATIONS

As Landon except: 2.30pm-2.50 Garden-ing Time (97465338) 6.25-7.00 Arryla News (235999) 10.40 Go Feiling (798715) 11.10 Lineker and Thome (749715) 11.40-12.40em 1992 Speedway World Champion-ship (599357)

BORDER As London except: 2.15pm-3.15 The Silk Road (256574) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9891898) 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday (12) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (64) 10.40 Magnum (557086) 11.35 Married ...wch Children (157970) 12.05a, Taylor and McMereny (3420778) 12.35 The Young Riders (2054810) 1.30 Donahue (7670738) 2.25 ChemAgractors (9477467) 2.50 The Truth About Women (56430794) 3.20 Jim:

CENTRAL

(293512) 12.50am Night Heat (2066655) 1.58 Rim: Javen Zindabad (16178742) 4.55 Rhythm and Rasg (42569384) 5.20-5.30 Jobinder (6687617) GRANADA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Bock-busters (\$7465338) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (\$891838) 6.00 Stars in their Eyes (216864) 6.35-7.00 Graneda Tongoti (640241) 10-40 The Equalizer (\$57085) 11.35 Coach (157970) 12.05am Taylor and McAdemeny (3420276) 12.35 The Young State (2054510) 1.2 B Decolus (2570359) Rides (2054810) 1.30 Donahue (7670758) 2.25 CriemAttractions (9477487) 2.50 The Truth About Women (5643094) 3.20 Fem. Heart in the Clouds (546407) 5.00-5.30 About Britain (59568)

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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
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6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 6.45 Business News
7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45
Thought for the Day 8.40
Yesterday in Parliament 8.58
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News

Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek
10.00-10.30 News; Nearest and
Dearest (FM only): In the last
of the series, Anne Brown
examines the roles of in-laws
and wonders why there are no
tather-in-law jokes (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): John,
Part 2

Part 2

10.30 Woman's Hour: Jennr Murray talks to Ivana Trump about her role as a wronged wife Incl

11.00 News 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time

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the comic literature of the environment and consider jokes, quotes and newspaper dippings includes recorded humour from Michael Behtme, Lily Tornlin, Flanders and Swann and Bob Newhart (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

Forecast
2.00 News; The Garden Affair, In Robert Lord's comedy, three genteel bridge-playing Edinburgh ladies, living in a showcase block of flats, are distributed by the second of the

2.47 Treasure Islands (r) 3.00 File On Four (r) 3.42 The Parts: Sue Nelson

disturbed by the arrival of the ins, played by Anne Downie ins is unmarried and definitely not in their social bracket (s)

considers how intermediate technology offers simple solutions to complex problems at home and abroad (2 of 12)

4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope Nigel Andrews
attends the opening of a new

art gallery at London's East

12.00 You and Yours 12.25pm Frank Muir

Riders (2054810) 1.39 Donahue (\$464100) 2.25 Ceremátiractions (9477487) 2.50 The Truth Abour Women (5643034) 3.20 Film Heart in the Clouds (546407) 5.00-5.30 About Britain (59568) Donahue (76/0758) 2.25 Committee (9477467) 2.50 The Truth About 9 (5643094) 3.20 Fam: Heart in the (546407) 5.00 About Britain (50 5.25-5.30 Joblinder (*143433)

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RADIO 4

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End with an exhabition by to Jeffres; looks at the role of music in South African polity views a collection of photos taken by the farmity of the lacar; and reviews the films. The Playboys and The Lawrimower Atan (s)

4.45 Short Story. Malgritude by Lawrence Scott. Read by Sea Barrett

5.00 PM, with Valerie Singletion of Hugh Sykes 5.50 Shapping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Brain of Britain 1992 to in

7.00 News 7.05 The Archest

7.20 Face the Facts (FM only) we John Waite

7.45-8.00 Strings, Squeaks and Jangles (FM only). The Organism Strings and how they shape the life of people that play them (2 of 4)

7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only). The Organism Strings and how they shape the life of people that play them (2 of 4)

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8.30 Young Turks, Old Stagers
David Walker talks to Dr Richard Clustrefsuck

9.60 Cause Célèbre:

• CHOCE: Dawn Griffiths to her new-born baby daughter for 15 days, when a woman posing as a health visitor, to the child. The case sets off peaks of alarm belts that are michaed for the ears of other new mothers who don't chelpeople's credentials. A secondary set of admontists belts may out for all those will find themselves being manipulated like puppels of string after doing an exclusion lind themselves being manipulated like puppels of string after doing an exclusion care nothing about the pan they inflict. (s)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s)

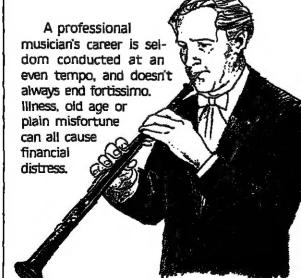
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Truth About Women (5543094) 3.20 film: Heart in the Clouds (545407) 5.00-5.30 About Breain (5405926)

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RADIO 3 6.55am Weather and News

Headines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart
(Serenade in E flat: New
Philharmona Wind Ensemble
under Otto Klemperer) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Weber (Overture, Euryanthe); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat, D 485); Humperdinck

(Dream Pantonmine, Hansel and Gretel); Klemperer (Merry Waltz, Phäharmonia Orchestra) 8.35 Composers of the Week: 5 Composers of the Week:
Dwolak (Legends, Op 59 Nos 1
and 2: Wyneke Jordans and
Leo van Doeselaar, prano duer;
Prano Concerto in G minor:
Bavarian State Orchestra under
Carlos Kleiber, Sviatoslav
Richter, Legends, Op 59 Nos 8
8 9: Wyneke Jordans and Leo
van Doeselaar
Midweek Choice, with Susan
Sharpe, Vauphan Williams

9.35 Mi Sharpe. Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Wasps: London Symphony Orchestra under Symphony Orchestra under Melcolm Sargent): Vivaldi (Concerto in C for 2 Trumpets, RV 537: Academy of St Martin under Neville Marriner with John Wilbraham and Philip ohn Wilbraham and Philip Jones, trumpers); Copland (Five Old American Songs: English Chamber Orchestra under Carl Davis with Marilyn Horne, mezzo), Bridge (Summer: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Norman Del Mar); Mozart (Va., dal furor portata, K. 21. Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra under Leopold Hager with Thomas Moser, tenor), Mozart (Five Contredanses, K. 609: Vienna Mozart Ensemble under Willi Boskovsky); Mozart (Guarda la donna in viso, La Finta Semplice: Dresden PO under Jörg-Peter Wergle with Hans-Peter Blochwitz, tenor). Anton Rubinstein (Plano Concerto No 3 in G: Westphalian SO under Paul Freeman with Robert Preston, piano); kodaly

Paul Freeman with Robert Preston, pano); Kodaly (Dances of Galánta: Hunganan state SO under Adam Fischer) BBC Philharmonic in Sheffield, under Edward Downes with Jean-Philippe Collard, piano, performs Webert (Overture, Oberon); Hold (Sura Ren) Moral Panel Holst (Surte, Beni Moral Ravel (Concerto in D for Piano, left hand), Tchaikovsky (Symphony

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No 2 in C minor, Little Russian)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Le Nouveau
Quatuor. J S Bach (Trio Sonata
in G, after BMV 525);
Telemann (Concerto No 3 in A,
1734) Roseingrave

Telemann (Concerto No 3 in A, 1734); Roseingrave
(Harpschord Suite No 6 in E minor); C.P.E. Bach (Trio Sonata in B minor), Wq 143); Corrette (Trio Sonata G, Op 14 No 5)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: Yevgeny Mravinsky conducts Prokofiev (Symphony No 6 in E flat: Leningrad PO)
4.00 Choral Evensong, Irve from Gloucester Cathedral, John Sanders, organist

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S.00 Music of the Pygmies, presented by Louis Samo, who lives with the Bayaka tribe in the rainforests of the South west of the Central African Republic (1 of 2) (r)
S.30 Malmly for Pleasure, with David Nice
7.00 News

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: The National Arts 7.30 The Trojan War: Penthesilea.

The Trojan War: Perthesilea, Opera by Othmar Schoek to a libretto after Kleist. The Amazon Queen, Perthesilea, on seeing Achilles became infatuated to the point of madness. A tale of crazed obsession adapted from a play by Heinrich von Kleist which has as the climar the warror. obsession adapted from a play by Heinrich von Kleist which has as the climar the warrior queen teaning with her teeth at the body of Ulysses. North German Radio Choir, Cologne Radio Chor, Alles With Carol Smith, soprano, as Penthesilea and Roland Hermann, bantone, as Achilles 9.00 Blue Skies: War and peace, conflict and resolution. Dr. Steve Jones Iooks at the way numbers, equations and statistics are used to explain some of the more complicated aspects of living 9.45 A Schubert Rectal, with plants Richard Goode. (12 German Dances, D. 790, Sonata in A minor, D. 845). Incl. 10.35 Interval Reading 10.40 (Sonata in D., D. 850) (r) 1.30 News 11.35 Composers of the Week: Jean Françaix (r) 1.00-2.05am Niight School (except Scotland)

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10.45 A Book at Beddine Print A
Hanging Rock by Joan Lindan
Road by Lisa Harrow (3)
11.00 Plain Tales From the Raj (h

Heavenborn, examines the Indian Cod Service

11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.33am News, Incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shapping
Forecast 12.43 World Service
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